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Introduction

The present booklet offers a glimpse of the stand adopted by the Afro-Asian Peoples' Solidarity Organization on the cause of the Palestinian people and the Arab Peoples in the face of the continued Zionist-imperialist occupation and aggression against the Palestinian and the other Arab peoples.

We have chosen a definite period: starting from January 1978, and with the signing of the Israeli-Egyptian Treaty, and up till the present. This choice is based on assumption that the developments which the cause of the Arab peoples and the Palestinian people had undergone during this period are of great importance and are apt to produce far-reaching effects both for the Palestinian cause and the world liberation cause at large.

Being the main cause of the whole Arab people, facing the most horrible form of racist settler-colonialism in contemporary history, and constituting the key for both war and comprehensive and just peace in this sensitive region of the world, the Palestinian cause has always been one of the main battlefields of AAPSO's consistent and continued struggle.

In the following pages the reader will find the full texts of AAPSO's statements reflecting its consistent stand on this problem, a stand that can be summed up in the following points:

- The Palestinian question is the crux and core of the Middle East problem.
- A just solution of this problem, necessitates the unconditional withdrawal of Israeli occupation troops from all the Arab occupied territories, the Arab city of Jerusalem included.
- The right of the Palestinian people to decide, freely and without interference, on their destiny and to set up their national independent state on the land of their homeland.
- The PLO is sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian both inside and outside the occupied territories, and their only spokesman entitled to participate in all conferences and meetings where the Palestinian question is discussed.

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In the face of the serious development represented by the signing of the Egyptian-Israeli Treaty, AAPSO reiterated in its official statements its well-known positions on the Palestinian question.

In the statement issued on this occasion, AAPSO mentioned seven fundamental reasons which renders this treaty unable to realize the Arab peoples', and the Palestinian people's aspirations in freedom and independence.

In many statements issued by its Permanent Secretariat and its Secretary General, AAPSO stressed the organic link between the actions of the Israeli agent, Saad Hadad, against the unity of Lebanese people and the territorial integrity of Lebanon, and the U.S. moves for the rearrangement of the situation in the Middle East, on the one hand, and the signing of the treaty and the aggravation of U.S. conspiracies in cooperation with Zionism and reaction, on the other.

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The full texts of the statements expressing the position of AAPSO Permanent Secretariat during this delicate stage in the struggle of the Palestinian and the other Arab peoples, do not reflect a particular stand adopted by AAPSO during a certain stage, but reaffirm in fact AAPSO's stand before this period, a stand to which our Organisation will keep adhering to until a comprehensive and a just solution is obtained by the Palestinian people and the Arab peoples struggling against the imperialist - Zionist aggression backed by the U.S. imperialism.

THE DEVELOPMENTS
ON THE MIDDLE EAST QUESTION

The Middle East area undergoes a serious and critical stage in the light of the recent developments and events stemming from the endeavours to reach a peaceful settlement for the existing conflict. The core of that conflict is basically related to the Palestinian Arab people who have struggled for thirty years along with all the Arab and world progressive and liberation forces for attaining their legitimate national rights including their right to return to their homeland, to self-determination and to establish their independent State.

Any talk of peace in the Middle East should involve the solution of the core of the conflict in the area, full recognition of the legitimate national rights of the Palestinian people; unconditional Israeli withdrawal from all Arab territories occupied in 1967, Israel's abandonment of its aggressive attitude and its setting up of settlements following forceful occupation and changing the geographic and demographic features. Any endeavour for a settlement in the area should have as its basis these fundamental concepts.

While supporting all these basic principles, AAPSO realizes a substantial fact, namely, the struggle in the Middle East is essentially between the democratic and progressive Arab liberation movement with its various contingents on the one hand, and world imperialism with the U.S.A. and Zionism at its head, on the other. This is due to the fact, that the Middle East area and the Arab world in general is the object of an increasing concern on the part of these imperialist forces in view of its strategic location, the rise of the revolutionary tide, and the vital imperialist interests represented in oil resources particularly which are the basic incentive behind every aggressive action in the area especially after the militant Arab unity demonstratively incarnated in the glorious October victories and the apprehensions of world imperialism that the Arabs may resort once more to the oil weapon.

On this basis, the recent endeavours and events for solving the Middle East question have shown full denial on the part of imperialism and Zionism, of the existence of the Palestinian Arab people and their national legitimate rights upheld by all the peace- and justice-loving peoples of the World. This attitude was represented in the U.S. - Israeli

working-papers and recent statements and found precise expression in the Israeli proposals reflecting a clear-cut rejection of any settlement based on peace and justice. Carter's recent statements in support of the Israeli proposals for providing autonomy to the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza strip under the domination of the Israeli forces and in denial of the Palestinians' right to self-determination expose the fact of the American attitude and emphasizes that the U.S. role has never changed. In fact these are only tactical attitudes that eventually aim at passing over the solutions in the interest of Israel and the interests of the world imperialist forces in the area.

In the face of such a serious situation it is of the utmost importance that today more than ever before the Arabs should stand united in one rank, crush aside their differences and intensify their solidarity to confront schemes aiming at the following:

- Creating and widening discussions between the Arabs by drawing them into peripheral conflicts to divert their attention from their major issue.

- Excluding the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian Arab peoples from any settlement achieved and preventing its participation as an independent party on an equal footing with the other concerned parties in the conflict.

- Non-recognition of the legitimate national rights of the Palestinian people including the right to return, its self-determination to the establishment of its own independent state and transforming the problem into a refugee problem.

- Attempting to draw the Arab countries to conclude unilateral and unjust settlements in favour of Israel.

- Attempting to exclude the Soviet role - the natural and historic ally of the Arab peoples and the Palestinian and world liberation movement - of active participation in the settlement of the Middle East question.

- AAPSO asserts its firm stand towards the Middle East issue by stating the following points:

1. The necessity of Israeli withdrawal from all the occupied Arab territories since the Israeli aggression of 1967 including Jerusalem.

2. The Palestinian question is the core and basis of the Middle East conflict and no peace can be established without a just solution of this problem.

3. The PLO is the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people and must participate to all the international conferences concerned with the Middle East on an equal footing with all other parties.

4. The guarantee of the national legitimate rights of the Palestinian people particularly its right to self-determination, return to its homeland and set up its own national independent state.

5. The condemnation of the principle of annexation of territories by force and denunciation of all Israeli actions aimed at establishing settlements and introducing geographic and demographic changes and the demand for a total release of prisoners and detainees.

Chief among the effective means to realize these goals is in the early resumption of the Geneva Conference - which the U.S. and Israel try to obstruct - with the PLO's participation as an independent party on equal footing with the other parties, on the basis recognized by the entire international and Arab community and in the light of the Soviet-American Declaration which was met with international support.

AAPSO rejects any separate treaty with Israel or bargaining on the sovereignty of the Arab countries over their land within historical fixed borders.

AAPSO strongly condemns the expansion and growth of cooperation and collusion between the racist regimes in Israel and South Africa and fascist regime in Chile in terms of exchange of armaments, and exports in repression, police and torture. All this goes to affirm the organic relation between racism, fascism and Zionism.

AAPSO, firmly standing by the side of the Palestinian people's struggle under the leadership of the PLO and by the side of the Arab people in their just struggle, denounces all conspiracies and schemes worked out by the U.S.A., Israel and the imperialist forces at the expense of the Palestinian issue and Arab peoples.

AAPSO calls upon all Arab peoples and the liberation movement to close their ranks and step up their solidarity amongst themselves and with the world liberation movement and the socialist countries, particularly the Soviet Union, in order to face the Israeli-American schemes.

It appeals to all peace- and justice-loving forces and the international and national peace and solidarity movements to intensify their support to solidarity with and consolidation of the Palestinian people's struggle and its vanguard the PLO and with the Arab peoples, and give momentum to the peace efforts in the Middle East area to secure the rights of the Palestinian and Arab peoples.

Youssef El Sebai
Secretary General

4.1.1978

ON

THE ISRAELI AGGRESSION

ON LEBANON

The Permanent Secretariat of AAPSO follows with deep concern reports of the massive Israeli aggression on the Lebanese territories launched since yesterday dawn and still carried on. The volume and type of Israeli forces and weapons used and the vastness of the operations is an index of the fact that Israel is waging an all-out war aiming at the annihilation of the unarmed Palestinian people in their camps and posts and at the invasion and annexation of Southern Lebanon under the pretext of establishing an Israeli security belt.

The Permanent Secretariat of AAPSO holds that one new Israeli aggression constitutes a very serious escalation of tension in the Middle East and a flagrant defiance of world public opinion which calls for the establishment of just and permanent peace in the area; at the same time that aggression is a continuation of the expansionist aggressive policy which yielded nothing except destruction and genocide, thus turning the Middle East area into a hotbed of tension threatening the peace and security of the entire world.

The Permanent Secretariat affirms that it was not within the power of the Israeli ruling circles to maintain that policy but for the economic, military and political aid they receive from world imperialism and U.S. imperialism in particular. In fact the flow of the most up-to-date weaponry from the American arsenal to Israel led to the latter's growing arrogance and disregard of the pre-requisites for peace in the area as well as to its defiance of world public opinion.

The new Israeli aggression on Southern Lebanon is an aggression against a sovereign state in blatant violation of all international laws and charters. This requires a decisive response from world public opinion, the U.N. and other international organisations in order to avert the growing deterioration of the situation and the outbreak of a new war that could pose a threat to the peace and security of the entire world.

The Permanent Secretariat of AAPSO emphasizes that the establishment of just and durable peace in the Middle East requires, in the first place, the defeat of the Israeli

expansionist and aggressive policy, the policy of defiance of the Arab peoples' rights and particularly the Palestinian people. Permanent and just peace in the Middle East will never be realized except through Israeli withdrawal from all the occupied Arab territories and recognition of the national and legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, chief among which are their right to self-determination and to set up their independent sovereign state.

The Permanent Secretariat of AAPSO which denounces the war of genocide and invasion launched by the Israeli forces, calls upon all member-committees and organizations and the national and democratic forces the world over to intensify their efforts for consolidation of the Palestinian and other Arab peoples' struggle for the restoration of their legitimate rights. It also invites all the national and progressive Arab forces to close their ranks in order to safeguard the Palestinian resistance and its leadership. the PLO, the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, and so that they would remain an inviolable force against the Israeli aggression and the imperialist schemes.

16.3.1978

STATEMENT ON THE DEVELOPMENTS
IN THE DEMOCRATIC YEMEN

For the past few days the Permanent of the AAPSO has been following with great interest the developments and events that have taken place and are still unfolding on the Yemeni stage. These developments have been plotted for a long time behind the scenes by imperialist reactionary circles which had realized that the Yemeni revolution with its progressive democratic forces both in the North and South resolutely opposed these designs and intervention in Yemeni affairs aimed at total domination over the republican regime and containment of it in North, and to topple the progressive regime in the Democratic Yemen.

The events unfolding in the Yemeni arena are sufficient evidence that the imperialist and reactionary regimes pursue their designs to draw the fraternal peoples of North and South Yemen into civil war and to create obstacles to the realization of the unity of the Yemeni people, a unity which is their dearest aspiration. Such designs can only serve the interests of imperialism and reaction.

The progressive democratic forces have repeatedly foiled these designs and are determined to continue to do so.

The objective of the abortive coup by imperialist reactionary forces was to topple the progressive regime which has been the target of designs for a long time. However, the vigilance of the Yemeni revolution and people has decided the outcome once and for all in favour of the forces of progress and democracy not only in the Yemen but also all liberty, peace- and justice-loving forces in the Arabian peninsula, the entire Arab region and the world.

The ordeal of the past fortnight has had the effect of consolidating the ranks of the Democratic Yemen Revolution which has been able, despite conspiracies and continued hostility towards it, to realize achievements which were the fruit of long struggle.

The imperialist reactionary campaign against Democratic Yemen reflects the failure of hostile forces

to achieve their sinister objectives, that is, to create a state of tension between fraternal Yemeni peoples in the area and to distract Arab peoples from their main enemy, imperialism and Zionism and their principal cause, the liberation of occupied Arab territories and the realization of the legitimate rights of the Arab Palestinian people as well as the restoration of Arab solidarity in confrontation with the dangers surrounding the Arab peoples.

The Afro-Asian Peoples' Solidarity Organization warns the Arab peoples against the seriousness of the threat posed by the all-encompassing design plotted against the Arab nation by imperialist reactionary forces, a situation already referred to by the AAPSO some time hence. The events plotted against the North and South Yemen are an extension of such schemes to topple the progressive regime in the Democratic Yemen and to destroy the national liberation movement in North Yemen in order to pave the way for the destruction of the Arab liberation movement as a whole and total domination of the resources of the peoples in the region of the Arabian peninsula and the Gulf represented in the huge oil wealth which is the lifeline of the capitalist economy. These forces also aim to tighten their control over the waterways that serve their vital interests.

The AAPSO, fully aware of the nature of the imperialist reactionary design, declares its firm and principled solidarity with the progressive regime in the Democratic Yemen. It appeals to all national and international organizations and world progressive, democratic and liberty, peace and social-progress-loving forces to stand by the Yemeni people against all provocations and aggressions and attempts to set fraternal peoples against each other and to draw them into a civil war which would serve the interests of imperialism and reaction. The AAPSO also appeals to extend all forms of material and moral support and to unmask all allegations and defamation campaigns that in the final analysis serve the imperialist reactionary strategy encompassing the entire Arab World.

ABDEL RAHMAN EL SHARKAWI
Secretary General .

8.7.1978

CONCERNING THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS
IN THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM

The Palestine cause was, and remains, one of the foremost causes for which the Afro-Asian Peoples' Solidarity Organization struggled to achieve its victory. The AAPSO always adopted, and still adopts a resolute stand by the Palestinian rights, granting unreserved support to the just Palestinian struggle, and assisting them by every means.

The Organization reiterates today, with regard to the Camp David Conference on the Middle East, its unbending and declared position that the Palestinian cause is the core and crux of the Middle East problem and that this problem is a dangerous one for the entire world. It also bears a decisive impact on the development of the international struggle against imperialism, colonialism, neo-colonialism and racism, and Arab solidarity constitutes an urgent necessity during the present period.

The Permanent Secretariat affirms the firm position adopted by the AAPSO towards the Middle East cause by stating the following:

1. The PLO, in accordance to the resolutions adopted by the Arab Summit of Rabat, the Non-Aligned countries and the United Nations, is the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people and should participate to all the conferences concerning the Middle East as an independent basic party on equal footing with the other parties and refuse any tutelage or intervention in its affairs. The PLO is the sole authorized representative of the Palestinian people in all the international resolutions concerning the Middle East.
2. The necessity of Israeli withdrawal from all the occupied territories, foremost among which is Arab Jerusalem.
3. Peace will not be achieved unless a just solution to the Palestinian cause, the core and crux of the Middle East conflict, is to be found.
4. Guarantee of the full legitimate national rights of the Palestinian people, chief amongst which the right to return to their homeland, self-determination with complete freedom and establishment of an independent sovereign state.

The gist of the conflict in the Middle East is that Israel introduced colonialism and Zionism in the heart of the Arab World, turned the Palestinian people into refugees, crushing the national identity and preventing them by armed force from exercising their national legitimate rights on their own land.

The Organization deems that the Middle East problem allow international imperialism, of which is the United States of America, Zionism and reaction, to achieve their long term plans mainly exemplified by returning colonialism to the region, by trying to insure the sovereignty of neo-colonialism thus transforming the Arab region into a market linked to the capitalist system, subjugating its human as well as its enormous material resources particularly oil and mineral wealth and human labour power as well as its great potentials in order to serve its vested interests and achieve its ambitions at the expense of peoples' progress, its countries' development and total liberation, with the aim of causing it to relinquish the arena of international struggle waged by the world national liberation movement.

The Organization deems that the methods utilized by world imperialism, Zionism and reaction to achieve these ends are the following:

- Weakening the Arab liberation movement through the sowing and deepening of dissension between its various factions and between the Arab countries in order to distract them from their cause and main enemy: imperialism, Zionism and reaction.

- Liquidating the Palestinian cause and disregarding the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian Arab people by eliminating its participation as an independent party with the rest of the concerned parties in the conflict.

- Rejecting the just legitimate national rights of the Palestinian people, in spite of their world recognition, chief among which is their right to return, to self-determination and to the establishment of their own independent State on this land.

- Continuation of the occupation of strategic and vital areas of Arab territories under the pretence of Israeli security.

- Attempting to draw the Arab countries into separate and unjust settlements to the advantage of Israel and the imperialist powers which support it, under the leadership of the U.S.

- Attempting to settle the situation in the Arab region in such a manner as to guarantee American incursion and total sovereignty over the potentialities and wealth of the Arab peoples and using the strategic position of the Arab World to safeguard its vested interests in Asia and Africa.

The Permanent Secretariat denounces Israeli and imperialist manoeuvres aimed at finding an artificial representation of the Palestinian people in order to isolate the PLO, around which the Palestinian people have gathered and declared their commitment; an undeniable fact demonstrated in the occupied territories as well as in all the places where this people is to be found.

The Permanent Secretariat affirms the refusal of any separate peace settlement with Israel, any bargaining on Palestinian rights and the Arab countries' sovereignty over their lands within historic borders.

The Permanent Secretariat affirms that the insistent Israeli position is the result of the American position which granted and continues to grant its full assistance in all fields, economic, military and political, during the last years, thus causing the balance of military power to tilt in favour of Israeli interests and consequently posing an obstacle to any just solution.

The Permanent Secretariat equally affirms that the American role in the Middle East region is serving Israel as well as American interests which are against the Arab peoples' cause. For America is Israel's natural and historic ally and cannot discard Israel which constitutes a basic factor in the execution of the neo-colonialist policy.

The Permanent Secretariat condemns Israel's persistence to spread its sovereignty and authority over the destiny of the Arab occupied territories and its attempt at dictating its peoples' future.

The Permanent Secretariat recalls the last vicious Israeli aggression on South Lebanon, turning thousands of Palestinian and Lebanese sons into refugees. It also condemns its arrogant intervention in Lebanon's internal affairs and the constant violation of its sovereignty as well as its collusion with the reactionary, fascist Lebanese forces and its assistance to these forces in terms of expertise and weapons, and its threats of intervention against popular will. The Permanent Secretariat hails the heroic steadfastness and the merging of the Palestinian people with the Lebanese movement in the face of Israeli aggression and fascist conspiracies engineered by the Lebanese reactionary forces supported by imperialist powers and Zionism.

The Permanent Secretariat reaffirms its firm stand, ratified by the national forces and the world national liberation movement, that it is the Palestinian Revolution's right to stand on all Arab territories surrounding Israel and it should be granted all freedom of action and movement without any interference or tutelage in order to achieve the just national objectives of the Palestinian people.

The Permanent Secretariat reiterates its support to the UN's declaration condemning Zionism as a form of racism and demands that Israel should be made to halt its racist actions towards the Arabs in Israel and in Arab occupied territories. It also forcefully condemns the expansion and growing collusion and cooperation between the racist regimes in Israel and South Africa and the fascist regime in Chile exemplified by the exchange of experts in oppression, torture and police activities which substantiates the unholy alliance between racism, fascism, and Zionism.

The Permanent Secretariat supports all the efforts aimed at reinforcing the Arab nation's steadfastness in the face of Israeli, imperialist, and reactionary conspiracies and calls upon the Arab peoples and the Arab national and progressive forces to intensify their solidarity in order to achieve their aims towards the legitimate rights of the Palestinian and Arab peoples. It calls upon the Arab peoples and countries to close their ranks in order to confront the imperialist Zionist manoeuvres.

The Permanent Secretariat calls once more upon the Arab National Forces and Arab National Movement to strengthen their relations with the International Forces of Liberation and Progress which include the Third World Countries, the international socialist, nationalist and democratic forces, the socialist countries which have always stood and continue to stand by the struggle waged by the Arab peoples and their liberation movements, in order to gain the Arab struggle the material, military, political and economic assistance it needs, now, more than ever. The Organization appeals to the Arab liberation movement and the Arab national forces to foil imperialist and Zionist attempts to sow dissensions and divisions between the Arab and socialist countries.

AAPSO's Permanent Secretariat deems that the path of struggle aimed at the achievement of just and legitimate Arab objectives is still a long, difficult and dangerous one. Therefore, it is necessary to assert now more than ever before the urgency of standing by the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people and the necessity that the PLO should play a basic role as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. It also asserts the necessity of consolidating Arab solidarity in order to achieve Arab objectives in confronting the imperialist Zionist aggression.

ABDEL RAHMAN ELSHARKAWI
Secretary General

1.10.1978

THE PRESENT SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

The Permanent Secretariat of the AAPSO, in confirmation of its previous and constant positions on the problem of the Middle East, considers that the present conditions, on the occasion of the Baghdad Conference, calls, today, more than at any time of past, for the consolidation of the solidarity of the Arab peoples, and for all the Arab countries to take one stand vis-a-vis the dangers that threatens all of them, and against the Zionist and imperialist schemes, particularly the U.S.A., aiming at the consecration of division in the Arab ranks, these conditions call, more than at any time in the past, for the consolidation of the alliance between the world National Liberation Movement and the struggle of the Arab peoples for their just objectives.

The Permanent Secretariat, while stating that it appreciates all Arab positive efforts that have been and are extended to endeavour for a just comprehensive peace based on the solution of the Palestinian question - the core and essence of the Middle East problem - and based on the evacuation of Israeli occupation from all Arab territories, with no conditions and no strings attached, including Arab Jerusalem, deems that solidarity between all the Arab parties and the closing of their ranks, disregarding the differences on the basis of Arab unanimity on the just and comprehensive strategy of all the Arab countries, is the factor that consolidates the efforts for realization of a just comprehensive peace that adheres, in spirit and letter, to the resolutions of the United Nations and Security Council on the Middle East question, and the U.N. General Assembly resolution on the Palestinian people.

The position of the Permanent Secretariat previously stated and to which it is committed, in support of the struggle of the Arab peoples and the Palestinian people, is the position that enjoys the support of the overwhelming majority of the peoples and governments of the whole world, a position that enjoys the unanimity of the Arab peoples and is affirmed by the resolutions and charters of the United Nations, the Non-aligned conferences, and the Organisation of African Unity conferences, which is represented in:

- Total and comprehensive withdrawal of the Israeli forces from all the occupied Arab countries since the 5.6.1967, including Arab Jerusalem.

- The right of the Palestinian people to self-determination, freely and with no interference, and to establish their independent national state on their homeland.

- That the P.L.O. is the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people inside and outside the occupied territories and has the sole right to speak for this people and to participate in every conference or meeting where their case is treated.

ABDEL RAHMAN EL . HARKAWY
Secretary General

2.11.1978

PALESTINE DAY 29th NOVEMBER

The 29th November marks the U.N. International Solidarity Day with the struggle of the Palestinian people. This day, which is a worldwide celebration, for the first time this year, assumes a great importance due to the culmination of the Palestinian struggle against the Zionist and imperialist schemes aiming to deprive the Palestinian people of their national legitimate rights and their rightful leadership, the P.L.O.

The A.A.P.S.O.'s Permanent Secretariat reasserts on this occasion its principles and constant stand that a just and lasting peace will not be realized in the Middle East, unless the aggressive Israeli forces withdraw completely from the occupied Arab territories and the national legitimate rights of the Palestinian people be realized, foremost his right to self-determination and the establishment of an independent sovereign state. The A.A.P.S.O. supports the UN resolution condemning Zionism as a form of racist discrimination and condemns the imperialist, Zionist forces and Israel for denying the Palestinians their legitimate rights, for pursuing a policy aiming at consolidating the Zionist aggression and for continually opposing the Palestinian people under the leadership of the P.L.O.

The A.A.P.S.O. earnestly believes that such a policy is doomed to failure, as the struggle of the Palestinian people, under P.L.O.'s leadership, enjoys a world-wide support and recognition from all progressist and peace-loving forces. The A.A.P.S.O. believes, more than ever before, that the Arab countries are requested to keep a unified rank and to be of one accord to face the aggressive and expansionist Israeli schemes and stand firmly against all imperialist forces that support Israel in its aggression. Hence, comes the importance of the Arab solidarity today, more than ever before.

The Permanent Secretariat calls on all Afro-Asian solidarity committees and all peace-loving countries and peoples to escalate their support of, and solidarity with the Palestinian struggle under the leadership of the P.L.O. - their sole legitimate representative.

ABDEL RAHMAN EL SHARKAWI
Secretary General
A.A.P.S.O.

29.11.1978

Annex 1

MR KURT WALDHEIM
SECRETARY GENERAL
UNATIONS
NEWYORK

THE AFROASIAN PEOPLES SOLIDARITY ORGANIZATION WARMLY
WELCOMES YOUR DECISION TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL UNIT
ON THE PALESTINIAN RIGHTS IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE
UNITED NATIONS GENERAL SECRETARIAT STOP THE AAPSO ON
THE OCCASION OF THE 29TH NOVEMBER INTERNATIONAL
SOLIDARITY DAY WITH THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE REAFFIRMING
ITS CONSTANT STAND AND UNRESERVED SUPPORT PALESTINIAN
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ABDELRAHMAN ELSHARKAWI
SECRETARY GENERAL
AAPSO

Annex 2

YASSER ARAFAT
CHAIRMAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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ON OCCASION OF 29TH NOVEMBER INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY DAY WITH PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, AFRO ASIAN SOLIDARITY ORGANIZATION REAFFIRMS ITS TOTAL SUPPORT PALESTINIAN PEOPLE STRUGGLE TO REALIZE THEIR INALIENABLE RIGHTS TO SELFDETERMINATION AND ESTABLISHING THEIR OWN INDEPENDENT SOVEREIGN STATE IN THEIR HOMELAND UNDER PLO LEADERSHIP SOLE GENUINE REPRESENTATIVE OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE STOP THE SOLUTION OF THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM CORE OF THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS ON THIS BASIS WOULD BE THE ONLY PATH FOR A JUST AND COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST STOP AAPSO WELCOMES THE CREATION OF SPECIAL UNIT FOR PALESTINIAN RIGHTS IN GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF UNITED NATIONS AND WELCOMES THE UN RESOLUTION OF THE BAN OF PROVISIONS AND SALE OF ARMS TO ISRAEL AAPSO REAFFIRMS ITS TOTAL SUPPORT AND ITS WHOLE ROUNDED ASSISTANCE OF HEROIC PALESTINIAN PEOPLE STOP HIGHEST REGARDS

ABDEL RAHMAN ELSHARKAWI
SECRETARY GENERAL
AAPSO

IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE IRANIAN PEOPLE'S STRUGGLE

The Permanent Secretariat of the Afro-Asian Peoples' Solidarity Organization greets the unprecedented upsurge of the Iranian people now sweeping across the whole of Iran against tyranny and dictatorship and for the restoration of fundamental democratic rights and economic well-being. The present upsurge reached its height with the completion recently of 25 years, since the C.I.A. - organised coup d'etat which had brought down the legally-constituted patriotic government of Premier Mohammed Mossadegh and had brought the Shah of Iran back to power. It is well to remember that Iran was the first victim of the notorious U.S. imperialist policy of destabilization directed against the Afro-Asian world.

The Shah of Iran not only symbolises an undemocratic, anti-people and corrupt regime but is clearly a creation of imperialism which uses it as the cat's paw against all the liberationist and progressive forces in the region. All through this period Iran has been a member of imperialist sponsored military alliances and has created a gigantic arms build-up of the most sophisticated weapons with its petrodollars. Some 80,000 U.S. troops and military advisers are stationed in Iran to man these weapons and to protect the Shah from the wrath of his people.

In collaboration with the multinational companies, the Shah's regime has been supplying and continues to supply oil to the racist regimes in Southern Africa. Its powerful and extremely modernized Navy, as a part of CENTO forces, only further strengthens the presence of the U.S. forces in the Gulf area and farther out in the Indian Ocean. Iran's Shah Bahar and Bander Abbas provide major bases to the U.S. Navy

The Shah's most notorious secret police - The SAWAK - is not only one of the most horrible and among the cruellest in the world but has more than 150,000 political prisoners suffering in concentration camps. The SAWAK's field of operation also extends out into neighbouring countries. In spite of all this build-up, however, the regime is shaking and tottering today before the countrywide popular uprising which is continuing unabated and grows in strength every day. The people's movement in Iran therefore constitutes a most significant anti-imperialist force in the Afro-Asian world today.

The A.A.P.S.O. calls upon all its member national committees and other associated organisations to render all possible political and other support to this great struggle of the Iranian people and warns the United States and other imperialist powers against any contemplated intervention in the internal affairs of the country that they may be preparing.

ABDEL RAHMAN EL SHARKAWI
Secretary General - AAPSO

7.12.1978

ON ISRAEL'S DEMOLITION OF ARAB HOMES
IN THE WEST BANK

This is not the first time that Israel destroys the homes of Arab inhabitants in the West Bank and other parts of the occupied Arab and Palestinian territories. By perpetrating this fresh criminal act - the demolition of Arab homes in the West Bank - an act which constitutes in itself a flagrant violation of human rights - Israel provides the whole world with a further proof of its fascist and racist course, and of its terrorist methods against citizens in the occupied Arab territories and the Arab Palestinian people. Nevertheless, these peoples are struggling despite such fascist measures to attain in full their legitimate rights, which have the support of nations all over the world.

This new fascist act perpetrated by the Israeli Military Authorities against the Arab citizens on the pretext of belonging to the Palestine Liberation Organization reaffirms Israel's aggression and its total disregard for the Arab Palestinian people's rights, being an imperialist springboard, aimed at striking the Arab Liberation Movement, liquidating the Palestinian entity and checking the Arab masses' march toward liberation and independence.

The AAPSO has repeatedly asserted that Israel is but a tool used by world imperialism particularly the U.S.A. This fact is confirmed today by the escalation of its planned aggressive campaigns against the Arab Liberation Front, particularly the Palestinian Revolution, by the dissemination of sedition among Arab regimes to undermine Arab solidarity in an attempt to pass separate settlements which realize the objectives of the imperialist, Zionist and reactionary forces.

The AAPSO condemns Israel's criminal act against the Arab inhabitants in the West Bank and the occupied Arab territories and emphasizes anew its complete and principled solidarity with the Arab Palestinian people in its legitimate and just struggle to determine freely its destiny in its own homeland and to establish its independent state there under the leadership of the P.L.O. which is its sole legitimate representative. The AAPSO declares that such terrorist acts cannot in any way contribute to the solution of the Middle East problem, nor prevent the Arab Palestinian people from continuing their legitimate and just struggle.

We hail the heroic steadfastness of the Arab Palestinian people in the occupied Arab territories and urge all the progressive, freedom-loving and socialist forces, particularly the Arab Liberation forces to step up their support to and solidarity with the Palestinian Revolutionary forces in their struggle against the Israeli enemy and all the imperialist, Zionist and reactionary attempts to impose separate settlements and evil schemes.

The AAPSO reaffirms that Arab Solidarity, support for the Palestinian Revolution, unification of its revolutionary tools, and reinforcement of the masses' steadfastness in the occupied Arab homeland constitutes a practical as well as revolutionary answer to Israeli intrasigence and arrogance, and a means to restore the occupied Arab territories and the legitimate rights of the Palestine people, including the right to self-determination, the right to return and establish its independent, sovereign state in its homeland.

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THE FOURTEENTH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE OUTBREAK OF THE PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION

With the beginning of the current year, 1979, the Palestinian Revolution starts its fourteenth year, and on this occasion AAPSO's Permanent Secretariat is happy to address its warmest militant greetings to the Palestinian people and its patriotic leadership.

On January 1, 1965, the vanguard forces of the Palestinian people sparked off the revolution against the Zionist occupiers, ending a long period during which the Palestinian cause suffered from oblivion and was regarded by some sections of world opinion as a humanitarian cause, a mere problem of refugees. In this way the Palestinian cause emerged once again in its real light: the national liberation movement of the Palestinian people struggling against imperialism, Zionism and reaction.

Throughout these fourteen years the Palestinian revolution has been facing successive waves of imperialist-Zionist machinations aiming at the liquidation of the Palestinian question and the denial of the Palestinian identity. However, the dauntless Palestinian struggle and the steadfastness of the Palestinian revolutionaries behind their leadership - the PLO - have foiled all these machinations and enabled the Palestinian people to rebuff all these aggressions for which Israel has mobilized the best of her armed forces and devoted the major part of her war machine.

The Permanent Secretariat is happy to note the increasing support given by the international community to the Palestinian issue, and welcomes the resolution of the Non-Aligned countries calling the U.N. General Assembly, to convocate a new Geneva Conference with the participation of the PLO, stressing the belief of the international community that a comprehensive peace in the Middle East is impossible without Israeli withdrawal from all the occupied Arab territories and the enabling of the Palestinian people to exercise their legitimate national rights and to set up their national independent state, and calling for the earliest convocation of this conference under the auspices of the U.N., with Soviet and U.S. co-chairmanship and with the participation of all parties on equal foot.

A.A.P.S.O. maintains the core and crux of the Middle East conflict to lie in the prevention of the Palestinian people, by armed force, from exercising their national rights as a result of the policy of Zionism and imperialism, first and foremost U.S. imperialism.

These forces are trying to obliterate the Palestinian identity and to deny the rights of the Palestinian people through the imposing of unilateral or partial solutions, particularly through the schemes of Palestinian "self-government" in the presence of Israeli armed forces.

A.A.P.S.O. denounces Israel's policy in usurpation of Palestinian territories as well as the Zionist inhuman practices against the Palestinian people as manifested in the setting up of new settlements and the enlargement of the already existing ones, the arrest of thousands upon thousands of citizens, their imprisonment, torture and the physical annihilation of some of them, as well as in the continuation of land usurpation, the chasing away of population, the changing of geographic and demographic features of occupied territories and the violation of the Moslem and Christian holy places.

On this occasion, AAPSO reiterates its full backing and support to the struggle of the Palestinian people and appeals to all the Afro-Asian solidarity committees and to all governments and peoples championing peace and justice to increase their support to the Palestinian people and to its patriotic leadership and sole legitimate representative, the PLO.

A.A.P.S.O. reiterates its unflinching belief in the inevitable victory of the Palestinian revolution and in the realization of the Palestinian people's strivings in freedom and independence.

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2.1.1979

RESOLUTION ON THE MIDDLE EAST
THE SEVENTH MEETING OF PRESIDIUM

13 - 15 January, 1979

The Seventh Presidium meeting held in Hanoi, on 13 - 15 January, 1979, having reviewed the Middle East problem considers that:

1. The Middle East has been and still is one of the regions which has witnessed changes in the course of events in rapidly evolving world during the last year; and maintains that the Middle East problem whose crux is the solution of the Palestinian problem constitutes a serious menace.

2. American imperialism plays a dangerous role in plotting manoeuvres that aim at an unjust solution in the interests of Israel, a factor which has clearly manifested intransigence and flagrant rejection of the legitimate rights of the Arab peoples and particularly the Arab people of Palestine, thereby defying world public opinion and U.N. resolutions.

3. The meeting considers that the manoeuvres deployed by world imperialism headed by the United States of America, Zionism and reaction aim at :

- a. Aggravating Arab differences, splitting Arab unity and distracting the Arab nation from confronting its principal enemy: imperialism, Zionism and reaction, and hence imposing concessions and unjust conditions at the expense of the Arab nation, to reach separate and insulting settlements.
- b. Obliterating the national identity of the Palestinian people and their legitimate rights, rejecting the Palestine Liberation Organization as their legitimate representative and refusing to accept its participation as an independent and equal party with the other concerned parties in the conflict.
- c. Persistent domination over some Arab territories under the pretext of peace negotiations, arrogating the right of a continuous military presence in Arab territories,

expanding settlements with the pretext of Israeli security. In this manner U.S. plays its imperialist role with a view to establish a fait-accompli and subjugate the Arabs to Israeli demands.

- a. The United States of America attempts to strike at the entire Arab liberation movement under the pretext of solving the Middle East problem. Apart from imposing Israeli conditions it endeavours to rearrange the situation in the Arab region in order to secure constant American infiltration and total domination over Arab resources and assets, transforming the region into a consumer market. Furthermore it exploits the strategic position of the Arab world to safeguard its vital interests in Africa and Asia.

4. In the face of such crucial developments taking place in the Middle East, the Seventh Presidium meeting reaffirms the resolute stand of the Solidarity Organization towards the Middle East problem, which could guarantee a comprehensive solution and a just and permanent peace in the region. This would be as follows:

- a. Peace will not be achieved unless a just solution of the Palestinian problem, the core and basis of the Middle East conflict, be reached, guaranteeing the full legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, mainly, repatriation, self-determination and establishment of an independent sovereign state.
- b. The necessity of unconditional withdrawal of Israel from all Arab occupied territories foremost of which from Jerusalem.
- c. The P.L.O. is the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people inside and outside occupied Palestinian territories and has the sole power to speak on its behalf and to participate in every conference or meeting dealing with the Middle East conflict as an independent party on equal footing with the other parties concerned, and rejection of any tutelage or interference in its affairs.

5. Taking into account the dangerous stage obtaining in the Middle East in the light of attempts made by the USA for a solution, the Presidium meeting affirms that it bears dangerous consequence for the national rights of the Arab and Palestinian people in particular and therefore:

- a. Calls on the Arab people with their progressive and democratic forces to reject any agreements that are

not in accordance with the intrinsic principles for a Middle East settlement, namely total withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories and realization of the national legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, and to continue the struggle by all means against the Zionist enemy, imperialism and reaction.

- b. Demands consolidation of the PLO in its capacity as the sole legitimate representative of the Arab Palestinian people and reinforcement of the Arab masses role, their national movement and progressive forces, ensuring their democratic freedoms to participate in the struggle, and mobilization and organization of their forces in order to withstand and resist the Zionist enemy, imperialism and reaction.
- c. To ensure the resistance to U.S. imperialist policy in the region and concerted action by the Arab peoples in the battle against Zionism, imperialism and all its schemes aimed, among other things, at weakening and splitting the Arab nation in order to pass its solutions that conform with its interests and far-reaching objectives to recolonialize the region and to exploit its material resources and immense human potential.

6. The Presidium meeting emphasizes that the American role will remain as already proven beyond doubt to the side of Israel and will not change to the benefit of the Arab people since America is Israel's historic ally. This is reflected in total economic, political and military support extended to Israel to tilt the balance of power in Israel's favour thus constituting an obstacle to a just cause.

7. In view of this, the meeting strongly condemns the imperialist American and Zionist policy in the Middle East and considers that its attempts - through the Camp David agreements and related moves and other attempts - have led to the frustration of the aspirations of the Palestine people to full independence and freedom; and to the deepening of disunity in the Arab ranks.

The meeting also confirms that the USA's monopoly of settlement efforts to solve the Middle East problem in Camp David aims, among other things, at passing its solution at the expense of the legitimate rights of the Arab peoples, and the Palestinian people in particular, rights which will be realized only through the participation of all the concerned parties, first of whom is the P.L.O.

8. Furthermore, the meeting condemns Israel's intransigent policy in the Middle East, which aggravates tension in the area, by expanding settlements in Arab occupied territories to impose a fait-accompli at the expense of the Arab people of Palestine, destruction of Arab homes in the West Bank under the pretext of political affiliation, which is a new fascist action to be added to the record of Israel's heinous crimes which contradict the simplest human rights.

9. On the other hand, the meeting follows with satisfaction the growing resistance put up by the Arab national progressive forces against the imperialist, Zionist, reactionary offensive in the region - a resistance recently expressed in a series of popular moves and official initiatives, particularly:

- a. The uprising of the Palestinian masses in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip as a declaration of opposition to the proposed autonomy and in affirmation of their insistence on rallying round the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.
- b. The call by the Arab Peoples' Conference held in Damascus for consolidating the unity of action of the Arab progressive forces in confronting this offensive, perpetrated by US imperialism, Zionism and the forces allied to it in the region.
- c. The affirmation by the steadfastness and Confrontation Front Conference that U.S. imperialism is an enemy not a mediator, and that the strategic alliance with the Soviet Union and the other socialist countries must be deepened.
- d. The Syrian-Iraqi meeting which culminated in the Charter of Joint Arab Action between the two brotherly countries and which ushered in a new stage of cooperation in confronting this offensive and consolidating the struggle of all the Arab progressive forces.
- e. The position recorded by the Baghdad Summit concerning the Arab rejection of the outcome of Camp David and the commitment of the Arab countries to extend consolidation and aid to the Arab countries and forces in confrontation with Israel.

The meeting records with satisfaction these positive steps, and expresses confidence that the Arab national progressive forces, by closing their ranks and cooperating with all the anti-imperialist forces in the world, can crush the current imperialist-Zionist-reactionary-offensive in the

region and wrench their national inalienable rights foremost among which the national rights of the Palestinian people.

10. On the situation in Lebanon the Seventh Presidium meeting reaffirms that the present Lebanese situation is part of an overall scheme in the Middle East aimed at shattering the entire Arab liberation movement, therefore the meeting:

- Strongly condemns Israel's refusal to implement in full Security Council Resolution 425, which calls for the total withdrawal of Israeli forces from Southern Lebanon. The meeting considers such Israeli stand as a continuation of Israeli aggressive acts against Lebanon and other Arab countries.
- Strongly condemns the continued Israeli aggression over Lebanese villages, urban centres and Palestinian refugee camps and deems it an act of aggression which should be condemned on all levels.
- It also condemns the American collusion as regards this aggression and sees in the fact that the U.S.A. has not taken any action against Israel, an American encouragement for more Israeli aggressive acts.
- The meeting hails the heroic resistance of the Lebanese and Palestinian peoples against the repeated Israeli aggression.
- The meeting condemns Israel's continuous intervention in the Lebanese affairs, and its continuous support for the isolationist forces and its obstructing the fulfilment of the UN troops' duty to safeguard peace in Lebanon, and its feeding a new civil war that would divert the attention of the Lebanese and Palestinian progressive forces from their main enemy.
- The meeting strongly condemns the schemes of isolationist-fascist Lebanese forces aimed at disrupting Lebanon's unity national independence and its affiliation to the Arab nation and setting up a sectarian fascist state.
- The meeting also condemns the expansion and development of cooperation and collusion between the racist regimes of Israel and South Africa on one hand and the fascist regime in Chile, in the field of police activities and exchange of experts of repression and torture against militants, thus confirming the interrelation between racism, fascism and Zionism.

- It also condemns Israel's support by tanks and armed forces to the Shah's regime against the courageous uprising of the Iranian people.
- It also supports the UN resolution which condemns Zionism as a form of racism and calls for putting an end to the racist and fascist practices against the Arabs in Israel and the Arab occupied territories.
- The Seventh meeting of the Presidium calls on the Arab peoples, the Arab States and the Arab Liberation Movement to enhance their struggle and to take the practical and effective measures which might coincide with the seriousness of the present stage, and to mobilize the potentials of the Arab nation to confront any capitulative solutions or separate agreements, and welcomes in this context the Arab Summit Conference of Baghdad.
- The meeting also calls the Arab national forces and the Arab liberation movement to consolidate their relations with the world forces of liberation, progress and democracy, and with the countries of the socialist community particularly the Soviet Union, being the side that always had and still has a principal disinterested stand to the side of the struggle of the Arab peoples and their liberation movements.
- The meeting welcomes the Charter of National Action signed by Iraq and Syria with the purpose of achieving the unity of the two fraternal countries in order to foster the struggle of the Arab nation against imperialist, Zionist and reactionary designs.
- The meeting hails the success scored by the people of the Democratic Republic of Yemen in the consolidation of its progressive regime and the setting up of its vanguard party, the Yemeni Socialist Party.
- The meeting calls on the Arab peoples, the Arab liberation movement and national forces to foil the attempts of imperialism, Zionism, and reaction, and their propaganda machinery to create splits and differences between Arab peoples and socialist countries.

THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE PRESIDIUM
OF THE AFRO ASIAN PEOPLES' SOLIDARITY
ORGANIZATION

13 - 15 January 1979

Hanoi, Socialist Republic of Vietnam

RESOLUTION ON PALESTINE

The Seventh Presidium Session of the Afro Asian Peoples' Solidarity Organization, convening in Hanoi, in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, during the period from 13 to 15 January 1979,

Having studied the latest developments of the Palestinian cause, the circumstances through which the Palestine people is passing, and the feverish attempts mounted by imperialism and its base Israel and their agents to liquidate the Palestinian cause decides that:

1. The Palestinian cause constitutes the core and the basis of the struggle in the Middle East since colonialism together with Zionism implanted Israel in the heart of the Arab World, evicted the Palestinian people from its homeland, negated its existence and prevented it by armed force from exercising its national rights on its soil.
2. Imperialist attempts at separative deals to settle the Middle East Problem aim at the liquidation of the legitimate national rights of Palestinian people to return to its level to independence and to self-determination.
3. It is the Palestine people's inalienable right to return to its homeland and to self-determination and to establish its independent state on its land, Palestine. Israel must withdraw from all the occupied territories including Jerusalem, and the Palestine cause has to be dealt with as a political national liberation cause and not as a case of refugees.
4. The Palestine Liberation Organization is the sole legitimate representative of the Palestine people

and hence the PLO alone has the right to represent it in all national and international forums.

5. The terrorist practices perpetrated by Israel against the Arab citizens in the occupied Arab territories, including demolition of their homes, usurpation of their lands, eviction of Arab inhabitants and thrusting thousands of them in prison without trial, under the most atrocious circumstances, are all strongly condemned and totally rejected.
6. Israeli endeavours to change the geographic and demographic character of the occupied Arab territories, particularly the setting up of numerous settlements on the West Bank and Gaza and making them military springboards for Israel's attempts at usurpation and aggression are strongly denounced.
7. The Palestinian Revolution has the right to be present in all the Arab territories surrounding Israel. It must enjoy freedom of action, non-interference in its internal affairs and no trusteeship.
8. Condemnation and rejection of the Camp David agreements and results and to endeavour to foil them.
9. Reaffirmation of all previous resolutions adopted by the AAPSO on the Palestine cause.

ON

ON THE CURRENT SITUATION
IN THE MIDDLE EAST

The Middle East issue, particularly the struggle of the heroic people of Palestine and of the other Arab peoples, is currently passing through one of its most delicate and grave phases, especially after the signing of the Egyptian-Israeli Peace Treaty which is met by vast opposition from Arab and other countries.

AAPSO, which was among the first international organizations to stand firmly and consistently in defence of the rights of the Palestinian people and to give support to the just cause of the Arab liberation movement, today reaffirms, on the light of the recent developments, its unreserved support to the struggle of the valiant Palestinian people and calls for the intensification of the struggle in support to the Arab liberation movement.

the AAPSO reaffirms that a genuine just and comprehensive peace can only be attained through the following conditions and dispositions:

1. The just solution of the Palestinian cause being the core and the crux of the Middle East problem, the ensurance of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, first and foremost their unconditioned right to return to their homeland, to decide, therein, freely and without interference, on their future, and to set-up their independent sovereign state in their homeland.

2. The unconditional withdrawal of Israeli troops, machinery, and administrative bodies, from all the Arab territories; Jerusalem in the first place.

3. The participation of PLO in all conferences, meetings and resolutions dealing with the Middle East problem, the confirmation of its recognition as the sole legitimate representative of Palestinian people both inside and outside the Palestinian occupied territories, their only spokesman, as an independent party and on equal foot with other parties, the rejection of any guardianship or interference in its affairs, the recognition of its right to exist in all the Arab territories surrounding Israel,

and the necessity of insuring its freedom of action in order to pursue its struggle for the rights of the Palestinian people.

4. Putting an end to the Israeli practices of repression against the Palestinian people, its crimes of torture and persecution committed under the pretext of political affiliations, the violation of the human rights of the Palestinian people, the change of the geographic and demographic features of the Arab occupied territories, first and foremost through the setting up and consolidation of Israeli settlement on the Western Bank and the Gaza strip, turning them into military strongholds for aggression and usurpation.

The AAPSO stresses the necessity of the Palestinian people's full sovereignty over their territories.

The AAPSO considers that the Egyptian-Israeli Peace Treaty does not fulfil the objectives and aspirations of Arab peoples and the Arab Palestinian people in particular, as :

1. It does not ensure complete withdrawal of Israeli troops from all Arab territories occupied in 1967, it stopped short at the redistribution of Israeli occupation troops and their concentration in determined posts. The latest Israeli statements came to affirm that Israel will never return to the borders of 1967.

2. The Treaty does not stipulate on the legitimate rights of Palestinian people to set up their independent state on their land, Israeli statements came one after another to affirm that no Palestinian State will ever be set up on the land of Palestine.

3. The Treaty stipulated on setting up 'autonomy' for the Palestinians, with restricted and circumscribed dispositions. Israeli interpretations were issued to affirm that, even within these limits, 'autonomy' is confined to inhabitants and does not extend to territories.

4. The Treaty does not stipulate on the eradication of Israeli settlements on the Palestinian lands, on the contrary, Israel insists on the consolidation and the increase of these settlements, as the basic essence of Zionism.

5. The Treaty does not make any reference to Arab Jerusalem; Israel affirms, with unprecedented arrogance, before and after the signing of the Treaty, that occupied Jerusalem is "the eternal capital" of Israel.

6. The Treaty does not stipulate on the return of all Palestinians to their land, thus leaving, million Palestinians homeless.

7. The Treaty does not make any reference to the PLO, the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, which implies its non-recognition and an infringement on the resolution of the Arab Summit Conferences, especially the Rabat Conference, as well as the Non-Alignment Summits, the OAU, the UN and its various agencies.

The Treaty has a serious plan, it stipulates on the normalisation of relations, the exchange of diplomatic representation and the full recognition of Israel, under Israeli occupation of a part of Arab territories.

The signing of the Treaty will lead to the strengthening of Israel's hand in Africa and Asia, the lifting of the beseege around her, and the consolidation of her collusion with racist regimes in Southern Africa.

The recent entente agreement between Israel and the U.S. is conducive to an obvious U.S. imperialist penetration in the region, furthermore, this agreement gives the US the right to an aggressive military US existence in the Middle East.

AAPSO denounces the US imperialist policy in the region, which has proved to be, today more than at any time before, after the treaty and the entente agreement, that the US is with Israel against the Arab peoples. Israel's historic ally, the U.S. is according her full economic, political and military support, titling the balance of forces in her favour, as a main stronghold of the neo-colonialist policy in the region and in Africa and Asia.

AAPSO warns against the imperialist-Zionist machinations aimed at the waging of a new aggression against Lebanon to create once again an explosive situation in this country through Israeli support to the fascist isolationist forces and aggression against Palestinian camps. AAPSO hails the unity of the Lebanese and Palestinian patriotic forces in the face of these conspiracies.

AAPSO reaffirms its condemnation of the continued and ever developing collaboration and collusion between the racist regimes of South Africa and Israel and the fascist regime in Chile, providing an added proof of the vital and organic links tying together, Zionism racism and fascism.

AAPSO reaffirms support to the UN resolution brandishing Zionism as a form of racism, as well as to the recent UN resolutions calling for the removal of the Israeli existing settlements and demanding Israel to refrain from setting up new ones and to put an end to the racist and fascist practices against the Arabs in Israel and the occupied Arab territories;

AAPSO hails the valiant spirit of steadfastness among the Palestinian masses, their insistence on their rights and their loyalty to their sole legitimate leadership, the PLO;

AAPSO calls for the further strengthening of the role of the Arab masses, of their national liberation movement and their progressive forces, and the insurance of their democratic freedoms all over the Arab countries to participate more effectively in the just struggle for the rights of the Arab nation.

AAPSO hails the courageous role played by the Iranian masses in the overthrow of the dictatorial repressive police regime, which was supporting Israel and relying at the same time on her support; and pays tribute to their role in the severing of all relations with the Zionist and racist Israel.

AAPSO calls at this stage, to consolidate and strengthen Arab solidarity, more than ever before, in confrontation of reactionary, Zionist and imperialist designs.

AAPSO calls on the Arab patriotic forces and the Arab liberation movement to cement their relations with the world forces of liberation, progress and democracy, as well as with the Third World and the socialist countries, constituting the anti-imperialist, anti-racist front which has been and is consistently supporting the struggle of the Arab peoples, and calls upon them to foil the imperialist, Zionist and reactionary machinations aimed at sowing dissension between them and the world anti-imperialist anti-colonialist and anti-racist front.

AAPSO is confident that the Arab peoples will persist in the course of struggle to attain their just and legitimate goals, that they will gain victory in their struggle for solidarity, unity of action, complete liberation, democracy, just peace, progress and development in favour of the broad popular masses, and that they will strengthen further their role inside the world anti-imperialist, anti-colonialist and anti-racist front and for justice and dignity.

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A PRESS COMMUNIQUE
ON THE CURRENT EVENTS IN LEBANON

After U.S.A. plotted its mechaniations in the Middle East by entrenching its political, military and economic position in the area and after the peace treaty between Israel and Egypt was signed and after its links of aggression in cooperation with Zionism and reaction was completed, the stooge, Saad Haddad emerged proclaiming the independence of a strip in South Lebanon under the name of "The Free Lebanon" as a prelude to creating weak secessionism and sectarian dissension to serve the Zionist and imperialist schemes. Israel, that has become with the help of the U.S.A. a clossel arsenal of arms and military equipment, will find herself free to cast her full weight on the Lebanese territories and so will start a fierce campaign, in collusion with the secessionist forces pictured in the person of Saad Haddad, to carry out the imperialist, Zionist scheme in Lebanon.

After Saad Haddad's proclamation of illusive independence collaborated by the Israeli authorities, Israel started with its intenses aggressive attacks, shelling Lebanese villages and towns and Palestinian refugee camps and the International Emergency Forces using land, air sea, heavy weapons and cluster bombs which is internationally prohibited and replaced by USA. All this while the USA and its foster state, Israel were discussing a just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East.

What kind of peace is that which grants Israel the right to kill women and children ? What kind of peace is that which entitles Israel to exterminate the Palestinian people and violate the Lebanese and Arab countries everyday ? What kind of peace does USA want to impose on the Arab peoples ?

Clear evidence proves now more than ever before, that the American, imperialist, Zionist scheme aims to extend its hegemony and the Zionist expansion, imposing separate capitulating solutions on the Arab peoples one after the other.

These barbaric military campaigns conducted by Israel and the proclamation of a secessionist state in Lebanon, aim to impose the will of Israel on the Lebanese territories.

These events are followed by Begin's declarations and his extended invitation to the Lebanese leader to negotiate, and his provocative proposals of scattering and apportioning the Palestinian refugees among the Arab countries, while stating that Jerusalem is an everlasting capital of Israel. All this asserts the danger of the Israeli policy which has been exposed by AAPSO. It aims to disintegrate the unified Arab fronts, one after the other under the alleged American peace canopy while the state of affairs in the region is organized, to serve the imperialist aims to take full control of its potentialities and resources and to utilize the Middle East as a strategic area to deal blows to the liberation movements in Africa and Asia.

AAPSO, renews once more her strong condemnation of the secessionist forces and the attempts of the stooge, Saad Haddad, fostered by Israel, to disintegrate the unity of Lebanon as a sovereign Arab State. AAPSO condemns the criminal, barbaric campaigns made by the Israeli authorities on Lebanese territories to exterminate the Palestinian people and to end the unity of Lebanon as an insidious step to imposing its solutions and schemes on the whole region.

This Israeli stand is not altogether new. It asserts to the whole world its total denial of the Arab legitimate rights first and foremost the rights of the Palestinian Arab peoples and exposes the Israeli expansionist and colonialist disposition, a policy that contradicts totally with any real peace in the Middle East. It reaffirms once more U.S.A.'s pursuance of its policy of supporting Israel at the expense of all the legitimate rights of the Arab people first and foremost the Palestinian people.

AAPSO, while warning the international community of the dangerous imperialist, American, Zionist reactionary scheme, calls upon all the progressive and liberation forces to rise to confront such a conspiracy, to discard their differences, to unify immediately their efforts to obstruct these malevolent schemes whose preliminary phases emerged as the Lebanese plan and soon after was followed by the so-called "the comprehensive peace framework".

AAPSO calls for the embodiment of the Palestinian revolutionary forces and the Arab liberation movement and its progressive, national, democratic forces with the world revolutionary and socialist forces, notably the Soviet Union, the traditional friend of the Arab world to oppose this danger which is appearing under the cover of peace, exploiting the Arab differences.

We appeal to all the progressive and liberation forces in the world to condemn and unmask the imperialist conspiracy under the directives of U.S.A. and Israel that is being executed on the Lebanese territories, as a prelude, but that will soon be generalized in the Middle East as a whole. We appeal to the U.N. to be her responsibilities aware of and stop the mass extermination of the Palestinian and Lebanese peoples.

We appeal to all these forces to advance all forms of support to the Palestinian revolution and the Lebanese national movement and its legitimate power by rejection of the barbaric Israeli aggression.

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Secretary General.

MAY 15th
DATE OF THE USURPATION OF PALESTINE
AND EXPULSION OF ITS PEOPLE

On May 15th last year the Palestinian people hailed this day, together with all the Arab and world national liberation and progressive forces. The Arab region and in particular the Palestinian Revolution were then being confronted by the cruellest conspiracy monitored by the imperialist, Zionist and reactionary forces; American secret efforts were exerted to crush the Arab and Palestinian Revolution under the so-called American peace efforts.

Last year, AAPSO ranked among the first organizations to hail this day and to expose the gravity of the situation prevailing in the Middle East and the increasing dangerous role played by the United States as well as efforts tending to deal single handedly with the Middle East question, with the aim of stepping up its political, military and economic infiltration in the region. Under the peace umbrella, it worked towards a settlement of the situation in a manner which would ensure its complete domination over the region and its oil resources, annihilate the Arab and Palestinian liberation movement and draw the Arab world into the orbit of imperialist forces.

Today, we celebrate once more, the fifteenth of May while a black cloud embraces the Arab world following the completion of the episodes of American-Zionist conspiracy on the Arab region and the beginning of a new and dangerous phase of implementation.

Ever since the so-called peace efforts began, and imperialist Zionist policy started to pave the way for a new phase, working persistently and systematically to:

- Sow division among Arab ranks, plunging them in secondary problems and creating peripheral differences to divert them from their main problem i.e. to confront Zionist imperialist danger.
- Arouse the fire of civil war in Lebanon and continuously fan it by supporting the isolationist forces with the objective of partitioning Lebanon into negligible communal entities to serve Zionist imperialist policy in the region.

- Draw the Palestinian People into an armed clash with the isolationist forces in an attempt to prove that the Lebanese problem is caused by Palestinian presence on Lebanese soil thus reaching the final goal publicly proclaimed by Begin which is to disperse the Palestinians among the various Arab countries.

- Carry on repeated and organized assaults on Lebanese territories and occupy South Lebanon by organizational forces whose numbers reached thirty thousand soldiers which in turn triggered a UN intervention and dispatch of International Emergency Forces to freeze Palestinian action against the Zionist enemy. In the meantime, Israel persistently carried on daily assaults on Lebanese territories, destroying Palestinian refugee camps with the aim of exterminating the Palestinian people, thus defying all the United Nations Resolutions and international condemnation of such actions.

- Persist in the establishment of settlements under the pretence of Israeli security, oppress the Palestinians living inside and carrying on the most ruthless acts to destroy their houses and change the geographical aspects, dumping thousands of Palestinian youth into prisons without trial, entirely denying them their Palestinian identity and legitimate rights.

- Increase American military assistance to Israel transforming into a gigantic arsenal in preparation of a new stage in the region.

- In the meantime, American efforts were being exerted on the political level: the Camp David agreements were signed and lately a treaty was concluded which did not meet the hopes and aspirations of the Arab and Arab Palestinian peoples towards freedom and independence.

Today the Palestinian people and all the progressive and liberation forces celebrate this remembrance day under even more dangerous circumstances since American and Zionist imperialism aims at implementing the second phase of the plan after having neutralized the most important front confronting Israel. This will result in:

- Bringing about the downfall of all the Arab fronts one after the other and concluding separate treaties and agreements with it as proven by Begin's declarations and the invitation he addressed to the Lebanese President to conclude a reconciliation treaty thus putting an end to the Lebanese problem as he said, which further emphasizes his role in the Lebanese crisis.

- Crushing the Palestinian Revolution and entirely liquidate it, destroying its alliance with the Lebanese National Movement which was an exemplary feat of faithfulness.

- In the light of such a situation, continuous political and military intervention on the part of American imperialism will take place, in order to implement its policy aiming at stepping up its influence in the region thus guaranteeing its strategic and vested interests.

- Drawing up a reactionary-Zionist alliance to police the region and destabilize and overthrow progressive, national regimes and thus weaken the resistance front.

- Putting pressure on the Palestinian people living inside occupied Arab territories to end any resistance or opposition to the policy generated by the Peace Treaty which proved not to meet the hopes and aspirations of the Arab and Palestinian peoples.

- Continuing to build Israeli settlements and refusing to revert them in spite of signing the Peace Treaty pretending that this is part of the Zionist and security policy adopted by Israel.

- Persisting to sow dissensions between some Arab countries and the socialist countries particularly the Soviet Union, the Arab people's friend, to ensure the U.S. a free hand in the situation. This is the prominent aspect of the framework that imperialism led by the United States of America has attempted to draw in order to start final touches.

In effect this has started in Lebanon directly following the signature of the Peace Treaty when Israel, in blatant defiance of international public opinion and UN resolutions, started to support the isolationist forces and lend assistance to the agent, Saad Haddad to declare what has been named, the State of Free Lebanon. This was accompanied by an aggressive Israeli attack, by air, sea and land, on Lebanese villages and Palestinian refugee camps in order to put pressure on Lebanese authority to enter negotiations and conclude a so-called reconciliation treaty to stabilize the situation in Lebanon. This is what the terrorist Begin appealed for with unprecedented cynicism, as well as for the distribution of Palestinians among Arab countries.

Israel backed by the confident support of the United States, is in the process of implementing its plan which constitutes a grave danger not only for the Palestinian people alone, but also for the entire Arab nation.

The AAPSO, while celebrating this sad memory, reminiscent of the day the Palestinian people were turned into refugees and their land usurped, is fully confident that the Arab Palestinian people who has stood up to the cruellest and most barbaric campaigns, in alliance with the Lebanese National Movement and resisted all bonds of conspiracies to divide it, is determined to obtain their just demands for independence, freedom and return, to their homeland. They are supported by the Arab and world progressive and liberation forces.

Although the situation in the Arab region has deteriorated to such an extent due to the American, Zionist and reactionary policies, this will not last long. Palestinian problem is considered the core and crux of the Middle East conflict, and that solving it, is the just solution of the Palestinian problem, and the unconditional withdrawal of Israel from all Arab occupied territories.

the AAPSO proudly hails the Palestinian masses noble spirit of steadfastness, their determination to obtain their rights and their loyalty to their sole legitimate leadership, the Palestine Liberation Organization.

It appeals to the Arab countries and their governments to be on the alert in the face of such a dangerous scheme and to unite their efforts in confronting the implementation of such a scheme, to support Arab solidarity faced by American and Zionist imperialism and to provide all means of material and military assistance to the Palestinian Revolution.

The AAPSO also appeals to the Arab national forces and liberation movements to further consolidate relations between its progressive constituent groups, reinforce solidarity and bridge the gaps between them and the world progressive and democratic liberation forces and the socialist countries which constitute the anti-imperialist and anti-racist front and which has steadfastly stood by the Arab peoples' struggle. It appeals to the foiling of imperialist, Zionist, reactionary schemes aimed at creating dissensions between it and between this world anti-imperialist, anti-colonialist and anti-racist front.

We are confident that the Palestinian and Arab peoples will continue to struggle to achieve their legitimate and just aspirations until final victory.

ABDEL RAHMAN EL SHARKAWI
Secretary General

15.5.1979

15th JUNE DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE LEBANESE PEOPLE

The majority of international organisations and forces of liberation, progress, socialism and Democracy unanimously approved to observe June 15th of every year, as a day of solidarity with the struggle of the Lebanese people and their democratic and progressive forces.

This unanimity crowns the perpetual and continual solidarity with the Lebanese people against the imperialist, Zionist and reactionary conspiracies aiming at a perpetual instability on the region of the Middle East in order to set a suitable atmosphere for realising their malignant schemes, particularly after the treaty.

The military campaigns on towns and villages and conglomerations of inhabitants, by land, air and sea, to which Lebanon is exposed with the object of a mass annihilation of the Lebanese and Palestinian peoples in flagrant defiance to the U.N. forces and a total negligence of U.N. resolutions and in a barefaced defiance to the world public opinion, absolutely supported and backed by U.S.A. under the vault of the so-called peace, assert that imperialism and Zionism insist on realizing their policy by force especially after the freezing of one of the major fronts of confrontation with Israel and affirms clearly the true American and Zionists concept of peace, that is to widen their expansion and escalate their war of annihilation against the Lebanese and Palestinian peoples as well as the Arab peoples.

The civil wars were nurtured and implanted by the American and Zionist forces for years. They are trying now to reap the fruit by partitioning Lebanon into sects, and small, meagre states subjugated to their sphere of influence and turned into one of their tools, Saad Haddad's declaration of setting up the free Lebanon state on the border strip in the South is a serious indication of this policy which aims at a Zionist expansion comprising all the territories of South Lebanon in a conspicuous connivance by the isolationist forces and subducing it to the Zionist influence in order to become a take-off point for new Zionist expansions.

AAPSO while renewing once more its full solidarity with the struggle of the Lebanese people and its progressive and democratic forces for the independence, territorial integrity and Arab identity of Lebanon calls on all free progressive and peace-loving forces to mount their militant solidarity with the Lebanese people whom the Zionist forces fully supported by the American imperialism, and in collusion with isolationist forces, are trying to subjugate it in order to devote their efforts to a new front in the Middle East.

AAPSO, while warning of the dangerous schemes on the Lebanese territories, as part of a more comprehensive scheme against the Lebanese, the Palestinian and the Arab peoples, calls on the Arab governments and the Arab liberation movement to handle the situation in a responsible, effective way to avoid the danger and to discard their secondary differences instigated by the imperialist, Zionist and reactionary forces with the purpose of diverting their attention from their main enemy. These forces are now starting with the force of arms to execute their scheme on the Lebanese territories. They have forced the Palestinian resistance forces to evacuate their positions in South Lebanon. In spite of all this, the Israeli raids on the South have not ceased which asserts that Israel's aims in the Lebanese territories are not confined to the presence of Palestinians in South Lebanon.

The past years have brought to light the honest Lebanese forces and their liberation forces which are interested in the independence, territorial integrity and Arab identity of Lebanon and stand against imperialism, Zionism and reaction and their schemes. Consequently, it is the duty of all world and Arab forces of liberation to offer all forms of support material and moral, to them to repulse the danger threatening Lebanon and the Arab world.

While, we hail with great respect the cohesiveness of the revolutionary Palestinian and Lebanese forces in resisting all forms of conspiracies thus setting a wonderful example within the framework of the Arab liberation movement, we assert the necessity of consolidating it and call the other forces to stand by their side to face the situation.

Let's raise high the banner of solidarity with the Lebanese people and their progressive forces.

May the struggle against the main enemies, imperialism, Zionism and reaction, triumph.

ABDEL RAHMAN EL SHARKAWI
Secretary General.

Statement on the imperialist Conspiracies in the Arab
Gulf region

A few days ago, news agencies reported about Oman's proposals on the so-called "Security of the Gulf", allegedly seeking to safeguard the Hormoz strait against "foreign menaces" in order to ensure safe navigation and an uninterrupted flow of oil to the capitalist countries.

To be sure, this idea is not new, but has emerged a long time ago with the discovery of oil in the region and the economic and strategic importance it has since acquired for the capitalist countries.

A new situation however arises with the emergence of these Omani dangerous proposals which after the political changes in Iran, the abolition of the Shah's regime, playing the role of the policeman in the region, and the disintegration of the CENTO pact; openly calls the western capitalist countries, Great Britain, the USA and the FRG, to defend the so-called "security" of the Gulf and Hormoz straits, proposals which were rejected by the other Gulf States.

This new call cannot be separated from the imperialist and reactionary attempts aimed at setting up aggressive military pacts designed to defend their oil interests, endanger peoples' security and peace, destabilise the progressive regimes and to strike at the Arab national liberation movement fighting against colonialism and neo-colonialism and striving to freedom and genuine national independence. This open call addressed to Western governments to assume a direct military role to safeguard their oil interests in the Arab Gulf, reveals the real nature of these proposals which run counter to the interests of the peoples in the region and their governments rejecting all forms of foreign intervention or presence.

Moreover, it implies an open call to the British and US military bases of Massira and Sillah on Omani territory to assume this role in the Arab Gulf.

Coinciding with large-scale moves by the U.S. fleets in the Red Sea, the Indian Ocean and shores of the Arab Gulf; these proposals for setting up a military pact in the region come in the wake of the repeated U.S. threats of direct military intervention to seize the region's oilfields. All this confirms the gravity of the schemes hatched by the imperialist powers, led by the U.S.A. against the peace and security of the region and of Afro-Asian Peoples at large.

While categorically rejecting these proposals, the AAPSO warns the Arab peoples, and indeed the whole Afro-Asian peoples, against the danger of this call for setting up an imperialist-reactionary pact under the leadership of the U.S., and calls upon all the peoples of region to reject such pacts which fan tension, endanger the region's security and are designed to serve the imperialist powers and their allies and to harm the struggle of the Arab peoples against their principal enemy: imperialism, expansionist Zionism and reaction. AAPSO calls on the peoples to foil the imperialist schemes in the Middle East and the whole Arab homeland.

The AAPSO believes that the safeguard of region's security is the responsibility of its peoples and governments and falls within their sole competence without any foreign interference.

Date: 8/10/1979

Abdel Rahman El-Sharkawi
Secretary General

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AGAINST THE THREAT OF A NEW ARMS RACE BY THE
U.S.A. AND NATO

The Afro-Asian Peoples' Solidarity Organisation expresses its serious concern at new threats to international peace and detente emanating from the prospects of a new dangerous spiral in the arms race that will inevitably aggravate the international situation. The Afro-Asian Peoples, like the world public everywhere, had welcomed the recent signing of the SALT-2 agreement as a most significant step towards halting the arms race and strengthening detente. But the enemies of peace, specially in the USA, had set to work to oppose the ratification of the treaty, on the one hand, and to increase arms spending on a massive scale, on the other. Now the USA and the NATO have come out with plans for the deployment in Western Europe of a new generation of US medium-range nuclear-missile weapons spearheaded against the Soviet Union and other Socialist countries seeking to upset the existing balance of military forces in the European continent.

This latest escalation of the arms race by the imperialist and neo-colonialist circles is not only a step against detente but is an offensive against the world national liberation movement and the vital interests of Afro-Asian and all other peoples and their urgent needs of development. The recent Non-aligned Summit Conference held in Havana underlined the inseparable interconnection between development, detente and disarmament. These US plans will put the world back and will nullify the gains of recent years towards improved international relations.

The Afro-Asian Peoples' Solidarity Organization welcomes the new peace proposals put forward by Leonid Brezhnev, President of the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet and General Secretary of the C.P.S.U. recently in Berlin, announcing the unilateral withdrawal of Soviet armed forces and tanks from the territory of the GDR in an effort at stopping this arms race. These steps and proposals are a reaffirmation of the peaceableness of the USSR and are concrete and effective measures to relax the military confrontation, to lessen concentration and reduce the armed forces and armaments in Europe and to strengthen trust between all European States.

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The AAPSO appeals to all the peace-loving forces in Europe to prevent the implementation of these US plans of deployment of new weapons in Western Europe which will inevitably start a new arms race to the detriment of the interests of all mankind. The AAPSO specially calls upon all its member national committees and other fraternal democratic organisations to observe the forthcoming United Nations Week at the end of October in support of strengthening detente, against the arms race, for disarmament and development.

Abdel Rahman El-Sharawi
Secretary General.

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ON THE LISBON CONFERENCE

The A.A.P.S.O. followed the proceedings of the International Conference in solidarity with the Arab Peoples and their Central cause: Palestine. This conference which was held in Lisbon over November 2-6, 1979, constituted an outstanding manifestation of international protest against the imperialist machinations led by the U.S. and its agent, Israel.

Hailing the results of this conference, the AAPSO consider them to constitute a big victory for the Palestinian people and their cause, a fact which is reflected in the highly important documents adopted by the conference. In these documents the conference voiced its condemnation of all the imperialist, Zionist and reactionary designs as well as "the autonomy plans" denying the Palestinian people's right to sovereignty and independence, exposed to the world opinion Israel's constant violations and barbaric aggression aimed at the liquidation of the Palestinian and Lebanese peoples displaying unequalled firmness and steadfastness in their fight against aggression, and pledged support to the struggle of the Arab peoples, first and foremost the Palestinian people under the leadership of the PLO.

The final Declaration adopted by the Lisbon conference is an indictment of the policy pursued by the US in the Arab region and the world at large.

The A.A.P.S.O., which took part in this important conference, consider its results as a victory for the anti-imperialist, anti-Zionist and anti-reactionary front which gathered in an impressive manifestation in support of the Arab peoples and their liberation forces, backed their struggle and denounced the Israeli forces of injustice and aggression enjoying the full support of the U.S.

While attaching special attention to the solidarity with the Arab peoples and their central cause: Palestine, the conference unequivocally supported the inseparable struggles of the peoples in Africa, Asia and in other parts of the world and exposed the designs hatched by imperialism and its Zionist, racist and reactionary allies against the liberation movements and the peoples of the whole world.

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We hail the results of the conference, and consider it a victory for the forces of progress and liberation fighting against imperialism and its designs in the Middle East, and highlight the fact, stressed by the conference, that the continuation of the struggle against imperialism, racism, Zionism and reaction can only be assured through the cohesion and unity of all the world's patriotic, democratic and progressive forces both among themselves and with the socialist countries constituting the genuine ally of the international liberation movement and a guarantee of the continuation of struggle and its success against the designs of the imperialist, Zionist and reactionary policies in all parts of the world.

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Abdel-Rahman El-Sharkawi
Secretary General.

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The International Day for Solidarity with the
People of Palestine

The United Nations has specified the 29th of November each year, as a day of solidarity with the people of Palestine and support for their just struggle against the Israeli occupation. On this day, the peoples and governments of the world show all forms of support and backing to the most just cause ever known by the UN delegations concerning which scores of resolutions had been adopted but were not fulfilled due to the attitude of imperialist states, and in particular the U.S., which stands with all its means with the Israeli aggressors and provides them with material and political support.

All along history no people have been subject to such injustice, being uprooted by armed force from the land of his fathers and forefathers and turned into a people of refugees in the neighbouring countries due to the conspiracies of world Zionism, imperialism and local reaction.

The A.A.P.S.O. based on its principles, the principles of Bandung, has paid interest to this cause since its inception and stood firmly in support of the inalienable national rights of the Palestinian People.

A.A.P.S.O. delegation has recently returned from Lebanon where it had the privilege of meeting the Palestinian leaders and in particular Mr. Yasser Arafat, President of the P.L.O. Executive Committee, the leaders of the Lebanese National Movement and H.E. Saleem Al-Hoss the Lebanese Prime Minister.

The visit was a valuable opportunity, during which the delegation took note of the last developments of the Palestinian cause and witnessed on the spot the devastating effect caused by Israeli bombardment to the regions of Southern Lebanon and the destruction of hundreds of Lebanese villages and Palestinian camps. The delegation admired the heroic cohesion between the Lebanese National Movement and the Palestinian Revolution in combating the Israeli-Isolationist aggression and foiling the conspiracy aiming at occupying Southern Lebanon and dividing this steadfast country.

Our organization believes, more than ever, that it has become the duty of the U.N. to impose the most severe sanctions against Israel to force it to comply with the UN resolutions concerning the Palestinian cause and Lebanon so that peace reigns in this important part of the world.

The A.A.P.S.O. was right in its expectations when it explicitly opposed the results that would ensue from the Camp David Agreement on the Middle East. It said that the situation that will result from these agreements will aggravate tension in the region and will not realize the desired peace. Today, under these conditions, Israel is creating by a decision from its cabinet more new settlements in occupied Arab territories, and its police is arresting tens of Palestinian citizens and demolishing their homes. The arrest of Mr. Bassam El Shaka'a mayor of Naplus, the largest city of the Western Bank, is a clear evidence of Israel's deliberate policy against the Palestinian People to terrorize and intimidate them and force them to accept the autonomy proposed by Israel to be implemented on persons but not on land and water resources. It is, thus, active in deporting the patriotic elements so as to create a political vacuum within the occupied territories that will enable it to achieve its goals. The arrest of the Mayor of Naplus and the attempt to expulse him is the beginning of this sinister plan.

The unveiling of deliberate collective massacres practiced by the Israeli soldiers against the Palestinian captives and the Lebanese villagers, on orders from the Israeli leaders during the invasion of Southern Lebanon, have aroused the anger and abhorrence of world public opinion. Such practices are a flagrant violation of all laws and agreements that govern relations in the civilized world during war and armed conflicts. This action is a clear demonstration of genocide, together with the blind bombardment of Lebanese villages and Palestinian camps by the Israeli planes, military boats and artillery.

What makes things more complicated is the despicable collaboration between the Israeli intelligence service and those in some western countries during the questioning of Palestinian detainees in these western countries and the use of the most cruel physical and psychological torture, including the use of chemical substances and demoralizing drugs against these detainees.

These ~~unpriori~~ condemned methods remind the world of the Nazi school of thought in governing peoples. The conscience of those who unreservedly supported Zionism in its aggression since 1948 when it uprooted the sons and daughters of Palestine and forced them by armed force and terrorism to evacuate their homes, will undoubtedly be heavily burdened when Israel is today sparing no effort to destroy Lebanon and force more than half a million of its people to migrate. Shame and sorrow will overwhelm all those who supported Israel in its aggression and supplied it with all quantitatively and qualitatively sophisticated arms, provided it with political and moral support or stood silent towards its crimes and aggression.

The A.A.P.S.O. which takes this opportunity to declare its stand beside and solidarity with the Palestinian People, its absolute support to their just and legitimate struggle approved by all international laws, believes that just peace can only be achieved, in this servitive part of the world, by Israel's total withdrawal from all occupied Arab territories and ensuring the legitimate National rights of the Palestinian people, specially their right to return to their homeland and the establishment of their national independent state on their land, with the participation on equal footing with all other parties, of the P.L.O., their sole and legitimate representative and the leader of their struggle, in all international forces dealing with the cause of Palestine.

The A.A.P.S.O. greets the role played by the Socialist and Non-Aligned countries, specially African, Asian and Islamic countries, in supporting the Palestinian cause.

The A.A.P.S.O. calls upon solidarity committees, and the justice, freedom and peace-loving peoples and political forces to enhance their support to the struggle of the Palestinian people, to wider recognition of the P.L.O. as a legitimate representative of this people and to firmly condemn the Israeli aggressive and expansionist policy.

We strongly hope that the current U.N. session will strengthen its resolutions concerning the Palestinian question and will find the means to implement these resolutions.

Date: November 29, 1979

Abdel-Rahman El-Sharkawi
Secretary General.

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December 7th an International Day of Solidarity
with the Bahrain People

The Afro Asian People Solidarity Organisation hails the 7th of December as being an international day of solidarity with the people of Bahrain and commemorating their just struggle towards the consolidation of their national independence and the fulfilment of their wishes and aspirations to create a democratic, progressist society free from the imperialist, monopolist grip. This year's celebration has a special significance, view the intensive popular mass struggle for the realization of liberties, the release of political prisoners and the restitution of a parliamentary life, drained and discontinued since August 1975.

This celebration comes in the aftermath of the victory achieved by the Iranian people - a further assurance to what a popular struggle can achieve. With the toppling of the Shah, collapsed the strongest military arsenal for the safeguarding of the American, imperialist and reactionary interests in the Gulf region, thus providing more suitable conditions for the evolution of the peoples struggle in the region.

In an endeavour to recover from the setback to the American imperialism and the heavy blow inflicted to it by the overthrow of the Shah, one of the main reactionary pillars in the region, the way is being paved for an American military existence in the region in coordination with reactionary efforts to set up a dubious plan in the Gulf through which blows could be dealt to the democratic and liberation movements in the region and would remain a constant direct threat to world peace and security.

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The latest developments in the Gulf region changed the balance of power in favour of the liberation, progressist and democratic forces which increased the ferocity of imperialism and reaction in defending their positions and restituting lost ones. It becomes compelling to the national progressist forces to keep a watchful eye and to assert an international solidarity with the struggle of this force.

The Afro Asian Peoples Solidarity Organization invites all national and progressist forces in the world to on this day of solidarity with the Peoples of Bahrain, to escalate and assert their solidarity with the struggle of the Bahrain people and their national and progressive forces for the release of all prisoners of war and suppress the campaigns of terrorism and repression and reconstitute of the parliamentary life, and to freeze and not to renew the American-Bahrain pact as regards the military bases so that Bahrain would remain to abide by the non-aligned policy.

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ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE OUTBREAK OF THE
PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION

The Palestinian people celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of the outbreak of their armed revolution directed against the Zionist invasion of their land and the occupation of their territories. They are joined by all the peoples cherishing justice, freedom, and independence.

Fifteen years ago, on January 1, 1965, the Palestinian vanguard forces triggered off this glorious revolution to put an end to all Zionist and imperialist attempts aimed at the obliteration of the Palestinian cause and the denial of the Palestinian people and their legitimate national rights.

Throughout these years the Palestinian revolution managed to score big victories against colonialism and Zionism: it withstood all the conspiracies of liquidation and encirclement. The Palestinian cause came once again to the fore of the international scene. While the PLO is recognized by the world as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, the Palestinian question became the core and essence of the Middle East conflict.

It was only thanks to the sacrifices of thousands of martyres who laid down their lives in defence of their people and its national rights, to the steadfastness of thousands of war prisoners and detainees facing the severest forms of injustice and oppression in the prisons of the Israeli occupier, to the struggle of the heroic Palestinian people, its cohesion and support to its national leadership, that these victories were made possible.

They were also made possible thanks to the generous sacrifices of the Arab masses and the remarkable steadfastness of the Arab nation, and thanks to the support and solidarity rendered by all the peoples championing the cause of justice and peace, first and foremost the Afro-Asian, the socialist and the Islamic Countries.

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Indeed, no other liberation movement has faced, throughout the whole history, such a vast array of conspiracies and aggressions. All along the past fifteen years, the Palestinian revolution has been waging daily battles in defence of the existence of the Palestinian people and its legitimate national rights, and dauntlessly fought against Israel and World Zionism as well as against U.S. imperialism which provides Israel with all sorts of sophisticated arms and all forms of political and moral support. In all these battles, the PLO enjoyed the full support of our Organisation.

That is why the AAPSO voiced its open opposition to the results the Camp David accords may produce, and stressed that the situation created by these accords, far from realising peace, can only increase tension in the region. Indeed, it is today clear that Israel has aggravated further its hostile acts against the Palestinian people. Day after day, tens of Palestinians are arrested and put into prisons, houses are demolished, lands are confiscated and new settlements are set up over them in a bid to terrorize the Palestinian people and to impose on them a shady form of "autonomy" which applies to individuals but not to the land. By all this, Israel seeks to impose its full control over the Western Bank of Jordan and the Gaze strip under the umbrella of the Camp David accords.

At a time when the Palestinian cause is scoring important victories over its enemies, when the Palestinian revolution is calling on all the progressive forces championing justice, freedom and independence to coordinate their efforts and to render unconditional support to the Palestinian people, it is neither reasonable nor acceptable to try to drag the PLO and the Palestinian revolution into side-ways battles which can only deviate its attention from its real enemy. This is why the AAPSO denounces all the attempts aimed at undermining the unity of the PLO, interfering in its internal affairs or dragging it into side-ways battles which would weaken the Arab liberation movement, whatever the initiators of such attempts might be.

The AAPSO is firmly convinced that a just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East can only be realised by the withdrawal of Israel from all the Arab occupied territories, first and foremost the Arab Qudos, and the ensurance of legitimate national rights of the Palestinian people, particularly their right to return to their home and set up their national independent state on their national territory.

On this occasion, we pay homage to the martyres who courageously laid down their lives in defence of the rights of the Palestinian people. We demand the immediate release of all the war-prisoners and detainees languishing in the prisons of Israeli occupation, and call upon all governments, especially the permanent members of the U.N. Security Council, which have not yet recognized the PLO to recognize it in order to shoulder their responsibility towards the realisation of a just peace and to bring into harmony their words and deeds.

Long live the Palestinian revolution !

Abdel-Rahman El-Sharkeyi

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On the U.S. Military Escalation

The A.A.P.S.O. follows with great concern the U.S. military escalation the tempo of which has been lately accelerated under the pretext of certain recent world developments. This escalation has reflected itself in a series of consequent steps starting with the late decision taken by NATO to deploy new U.S. missiles in Western European countries, under the pressure of the Pentagon on European member-States of NATO. Military escalation has then been accelerated by increasing the U.S. military forces in the Indian Ocean, the Gulf, the Red Sea and the Mediterranean, the decision to postpone the endorsement of SALT 2, the conclusion of a new agreement on the military bases in Turkey, the influx of american weapons to Pakistan, the reinforcement and expansion of the Diego Garcia base in the Indian Ocean, the revival of military alliances with most of the old members of the CENTO, and seeking the establishment of new military bases and pacts whether in Asia or Africa.

Thus the voices of the U.S. Administration and the military industrial complex rose high, once again, championing the policy of establishing permanent U.S. bases and pacts in different countries.

The Afro-Asian Peoples still bear in mind the real aims of the military bases and pacts. These peoples still recall that they were the first victims of these aggressive military forces whose aim first and foremost is to strangle the national liberation

movements, to secure the imperialist exploitation of their resources, to further maintain their subservience to imperialism and reaction; to escalate the intensity of the world tension and bring the world to the brink of a disastrous nuclear war. Aware of these facts, the peace-loving peoples struggle for the liquidation of these military bases and pacts. Their accomplishments in that respect are vital, foremost among which is the liquidation of the CENTO and of the SEATO.

Faced by successive defeats of world imperialism, and the U.S. imperialism in particular, in Vietnam, Laos, Kampuchea, as a result of the growing national liberation struggle, faced with the revolution's triumph in Iran and several African and Asian countries, the U.S. Administration and the military industrial complex try once more to provoke the hysteria of bases and armament, making use of the recent developments in Afghanistan, whatever they may be, which do not justify pushing the world to the brink of a nuclear war that would destroy all the achievements of mankind, and undermine the principles of peaceful co-existence and detente, for whose establishment the peoples of the world have been struggling for long years in order to make it an irreversible process.

The AAPSO hopes for the cessation of the reasons that were motivated and exploited by the U.S. imperialism and that led to the recent developments in Afghanistan and the entry of Soviet troops there, so that conditions may return to normal and so that complete victory and the realisation of the April Revolution's principles for freedom, democracy and social justice may be achieved.

The AAPSO has previously drawn the attention of World's public opinion to the dangers inherent in the situation in Afghanistan and stated in its declaration of the 25th of March 1979, that :

"The international reactionary imperialist forces under the USA supervision and the inner reaction supported by foreign counter-revolutionary forces are recently activating bitter efforts to destabilize political and economical situation in this country to weaken the position of progressive democratic regime that is pursuing profound social economic and political reforms for the interest of wide masses of Afghanistan people and supporting the establishment of peace and good neighbourhood relations among all countries of Asian region and in all the World.

Nowadays the Afghanistan revolution struggles against wide imperialist reactionary scheme that finds its embodiment in the tactics of inner coups, provocations and sabotage that complicate relations of this country with its neighbours and endangers peace in all Asian region."

The Permanent Secretariat of the A.A.P.S.O. has indicated the plots schemed by forces hostile to the just struggle of peoples in the region, including reactionary forces in China, Pakistan and other countries, to create a new hot-bed of tension aiming at distracting the attention of public opinion from aggressive actions of reactionary and imperialist forces in South-East Asia, Middle East and the world.

Reiterating its support to the April revolution of the Afghani people, the AAPSO warns against the new American imperialist conspiracy which tries under the pretext of the developments in Afghanistan to drag the region's countries anew into the snare of military bases and pacts, and impose once again the brink-of-war policy for which the small peoples have always paid the price.

Warning against the new dangers threatening Afro-Asian peoples and their victories which undermined imperialist and colonialist positions in both continents, the AAPSO expresses its conviction that the awareness of these peoples and their long-life experience, as regards the real aims of the U.S. administration and the military industrial complex, would foil the new attempts, protect the already achieved victories of the national liberation movements, and defend world peace and security.

Abdel Rahman El-Sharkawi
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ON THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BAHRENI NATION-
AL FRONT

On the 15th of February, 1980, the Bahreni National Front celebrates the 25th anniversary of its establishment.

The AAPSO avails itself of this occasion to congratulate the Front, leadership and bases, wishing her further success and progress in its noble struggle to achieve the Bahreni national goals, long ago defined in its program.

The anniversary comes, this time, in highly critical and serious conditions, not only on the level of Bahreni national struggle, but also on the level of the Arab Gulf as a whole and the Arab Nation and the international community in general.

While the Iranian Revolution has achieved its decisive victory over U.S. imperialism and the Shah regime, the situation in the Arab Gulf has started to take new dimensions in the imperialist designs and interests, while the reactionary forces began to play a new role to stifle the national liberation movement on the level of the Gulf as a whole and particularly in Bahrein and Oman. The Imperialist forces have created several pretexts to increase their military penetration to protect their oil interests, taking of the developments in Iran and Afghanistan - of which they were the reasons - a pretext to increase their military existence which the region has never before witnessed.

Despite the determined and overwhelming popular rejection in the Arab Gulf of the U.S. military movements, the U.S., under the pretext of protecting oil sources, began to strengthen its military forces, and to dispatch its fleets and plane carriers that have now reached a record. It found in the Omani regime, the best support for this existence through offering it all land, sea and air facilities in spite of the complete rejection of this existence.

These developments cannot be separated of the U.S. role against the causes of the Arab peoples, and their central cause, that of Palestine. They cannot also be separated of the Camp David Accords that have frozen the Israeli Arab struggle. A situation was thus created to favour conditions for this conspiracy to be extended to the rest of the

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Arab Region and in particular to the Arab Gulf where the vital oil interests of U.S. imperialism resides.

That is why the struggle of the Arab Liberation Movement has become highly difficult and complicated. In this struggle the Bahreni National Front plays an effective and vanguard role.

The AAPSO has, several times, confirmed its full support to the national struggle waged by the Bahreni people under the leadership of the Bahreni National Front, and in this occasion, it reaffirms its full support to this struggle for the achievement of democratic liberties, the release of political detainees, the resumption of parliamentary life that has been liquidated; the supervision of terrorist campaigns, putting an end to foreign influence represented by its monopolies and military bases and for a non-aligned Bahrain.

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Normalisation of relations between Egypt and Israel

On February 26th, 1980 the normalisation of relations between Egypt and Israel took place, as a result of the Camp David agreement and the signing of the Peace Treaty on which AAPSO has previously determined its clear-cut stand, asserting that they did not realize the aspirations and objectives of the Arab Peoples and those of the Palestinian People for freedom and independence.

The establishment and normalisation of relations took place in a situation where an equation of disequilibrium prevails, due to the following facts :-

- 1- Israel continues to occupy Arab territories, a fact which confirms what the Israeli authorities have declared, that they will never withdraw to the 1967 boundaries.
- 2- Israel did not alter its position as regards the Palestine cause - the core of the issue. Even the so-called Palestinian autonomy talks have not made any progress, the previous period has further confirmed Israel's continuous denial of the national, legitimate and just rights of the Palestinian People.
- 3- The Israeli settlement policy continues to take its course in the occupied Arab lands and Israel is daily striving to extend its sovereignty over the whole of the Palestinian territories and to change its geographic, demographic, cultural and educational characteristics, asserting once more their real concept of the postulated peace.
- 4- The normalisation of relations and the exchange of ambassadors take place while Israel is insisting that Jerusalem is the eternal capital of Israel.

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- 5- Israel continues to perpetrate its barbaric aggressive actions on the Lebanese territories, using sophisticated weapons to deal blows to both the Palestinian revolution and the patriotic Lebanese movement; and props up the isolationist Lebanese forces in their attempt to divide and fragment Lebanon and prevent its national unity.
- 6- The Israeli repressive racist policy against the Arab citizens in the occupied territories, is still a daily practice, repressive terrorist methods against the Palestinians are escalated in an unprecedented manner, the current events in Hebron stand as a clear witness to that policy.
- 7- The Zionist bonds with the racist, fascist and reactionary regimes are constantly developing, to deal blows to the Arab, African and Asian liberation movement. The last illustration to this is the cooperation between Israel and racist South Africa in producing an atomic bomb that they have lately been experimenting on, a fact that was disclosed recently to the World public opinion and that AAPSO had warned against long before.

These are the unequitable and unjust equations on which the peace settlement has been based and which strip peace of its fundamental components.

The establishment and normalisation of relations between Israel and Egypt have extremely serious repercussions on the struggle of the Arab peoples and the Palestine-Arab people. This will inevitably change the balance in the Middle East in favour of the Zionist and imperialist forces led by the U.S. All this led to the following :

- Israel had scored an appreciable success of its aims by the establishment of these relations, which serves its objective to isolate the biggest Arab country from the Arab world and from its liberation struggle.
- Israel has realised its most cherished dream which is the normalisation of relations at all levels: political, economic, cultural, and touristic and has ended the isolation in which it has been living, without giving any concessions on its part.
- The Israeli flag rose in the absence of all the Arab flags, which led to the isolation of Egypt from all the Arab countries. This is a preliminary step to be followed by further steps and agreements, as declared by the Israeli head of State.

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- This normalisation of relations has put an end to the boycott in all spheres against Zionism, to be replaced by a boycott against the Arab countries thus paving the way for Israel's expansion in its relations with other countries in Africa and Asia who had previously taken a positive stand for the Arab cause.
- The freezing of one of the biggest Arab fronts in the Middle East struggle offered Israel the chance to direct its aggressive actions on the Lebanese front so as to crush this front, as part of its long-term policy, aiming at defeating one Arab front after the other.
- The late developments in the Middle East gave to the U.S. imperialism - the natural ally to Israel - ample opportunity to increase its political, military and economic infiltration to tighten its hold on the entire Arab region.
- This step in the freezing of the struggle against Israel has given a propitious chance to the U.S. imperialism to realize its schemes. The current events in the Gulf regions and various other regions are witness to this.

In declaring its rejection to these steps that harm the struggle of the Arab peoples & the Arab people of Palestine, the AAPSO reiterates its firm and principled stand on the side of the liberation struggle of the Arab Palestinian people and all the Arab peoples and call upon them and their liberation movements to face this situation created by imperialism and World Zionism and carried out in cooperation between them to achieve their goals aiming at the ultimate domination of the whole of the Arab region and to continue to usurp its resources and above all their oil resources.

At this juncture, the AAPSO declares that just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East will only be established by the withdrawal of Israel from all Arab occupied territories including, in the first place, Jerusalem; and the recognition of the national legitimate rights of the Palestinian people especially their right to return to their homeland and establish their national independent state on their national soil.

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THE AMERICAN STANCE
ON THE
ZIONIST SETTLEMENTS
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The Security Council unanimous resolution condemning the establishment of Zionist settlements in the occupied Arab territories marks a great diplomatic triumph to a major aspect of the Arab cause as it expresses an international attitude towards the Israeli aggressive acts which contravene all international laws.

After world public opinion had received the resolution with great satisfaction, particularly as it was unanimously adopted, it was struck by a new strange U.S. stand expressed by American President Carter who recanted after the U.S. delegate had voted in favour of the resolution condemning the Israeli settlements. President Carter blamed the switch on unspecified communications failure with the U.S. delegate at the Security Council whom, he said, did not receive instructions in due time.

The statement by U.S. President Carter on the American stance vis-a-vis Israel's persistence in establishing settlements in the occupied Palestinian and Arab land evoked the indignation and denunciation of world public opinion and all the justice and peace loving forces the world over.

They are indignant at the American statement because it runs counter to the national legitimate rights of the Palestinian people and constitutes a flagrant encroachment on, and a breach of all international charters and norms which condemn the occupation of the territories of others by force of arms or aggression. The U.S. statement also defies the U.N. and the Security Council resolutions on the Middle East.

Afro Asian circles have expressed strong indignation at the American statement which constitutes a grave precedent in international politics. It is obvious enough that in this case personal election interests outweigh the international principles and norms governing relations between countries and peoples all over the world. More important still is the fact that the statement clearly reaffirms that the American imperialist forces do not hesitate to sacrifice the destiny of small peoples for the sake of their Zionist allies' designs which go beyond all limits.

The American stand is just two days after the adoption of the resolution and all the Western media highlighted the U.S. vote in favour of the resolution and reported Israel's frantic reaction to the U.S. stance. However, the whole situation vanished into thin air when the U.S. Administration set a precedent by voting in favour of the resolution and then its President recanted, citing unacceptable pretexts.

In fact, the U.S. backing from the Security Council resolution is not alien to American policy. It rather accounts for the very essence of its policy which supports the Zionist line in its persistent defiance of world public opinion and United Nations resolutions.

It is the U.S. that has consolidated the Zionist regime politically, economically and militarily since the Zionist state was planted in the heart of the Arab nation. It is the U.S. that provides Israel with finance to establish settlements, and supplies it with arms to defend these settlements and to commit daily acts of aggression against the Arab States. The recent U.S. stand is in line with the acts and policies it has been pursuing for long. It is also indicative of the reality of the American attitude and policy which are hostile to the Arabs, in general, and the Palestinians, in particular. This is what A.A.P.S.O. has underlined since a long time. Furthermore, it brings in question the senior U.S. officials who were chosen to supervise the so-called Palestinian autonomy and who played a big role in the American President's declaration of his statement and in the revocation of the U.S. delegate's vote at the international Security Council on grounds which are feeble and unacceptable to reasons, disparaging to American declarations on just peace in the Middle East, and conducive to one contradictory situation after the other for the American representatives at the Security Council.

The American statement shows how far the Israeli and the American stands are coordinated and intertwined in conspiring against the cause of just peace in the Middle East. Following the statement, Menachem Begin appointed Yitzhak Shamir Israel's Foreign Minister. Perhaps no one in Israel could be more aggressive, narrow-minded and diehard. Nowhere else under the sun can there be at the head of diplomats a Foreign Minister with such a record of crimes and extremism as Shamir.

It is this responsible official of the Sterne terrorist group who had a hand in the assassination of Lord Moyne in Cairo, international mediator and U.N. Envoy to Palestine Kont Bernadot in 1948 and hundreds of unarmed Palestinian women, children and aged. He also committed several barbaric acts in the 'Musad' Israeli intelligence operation. In the statement he made immediately after assuming his new post, he flatly declared he was against any withdrawal from the Arab territories Israel occupied in 1967, against the establishment of the State of Palestine, and against withdrawal from the city

of Jerusalem, All this is a clear indication of the fanaticism, reaction and fascist aggressive bent of mind of this man and of the ruling class in Israel.

Begin, by choosing such a man to be in charge of Israel's diplomacy, greatly embarrassed the supporters of the Camp David Agreement which A.A.P.S.O. rejected from the outset as it runs counter to the aspirations and goals of the Palestinian people and the Arab nation and does not realize the establishment of an independent state of Palestine on the land of Palestine.

On the other hand, Israel once more proves the mettle of its policies by the Knesset's recent decision that the West Bank, particularly Jerusalem, is Israeli land. Consequently, Begin reaffirmed his previous statement that the entire city of Jerusalem would remain Israel's capital for ever and ever, and the settlements would remain to guarantee Israel's security.

The series of Israeli and American stands complement one another. Nevertheless, Israel still makes declarations on the peace outlined by the Camp David Agreement and the U.S. President is still optimistically hopeful of achieving peace in the Middle East, indeed peace at the expense of the legitimate Arab rights.

A.A.P.S.O. stressed that the U.S. sponsored peace process is but an attempt to forge ahead the American policy and increase its infiltration in the region. With the break of every day it becomes clearer, and clearer that the U.S. has tried, from the outset, to wedge the Arab front in a bid to keep the cause of Palestine - the cause of the land and the people - unresolved, while Israel remains an expansionist military force guarding American interests in the Middle East.

As A.A.P.S.O. condemns the outrageous American stance, it reaffirms that Israel's persistent approach of settlement and encroachment on the rights of the Arabs, in general, and the Palestinians in particular, has marked the policy of the Zionist entity since it came into being by use of force. The American unwavering support and the recent U.S. stand vis-a-vis the Security Council resolution on the settlements are clear evidence of the reality of the American policy.

A.A.P.S.O. calls on all the forces of progress and liberation, chief among which the Arab liberation movement, to adopt a decisive stand vis-a-vis the current situation, now that the U.S. declarations have proved, time and again, unworthy of trust and perfectly harmonious with the Zionist policy that denies every right of the Palestinian and the Arab peoples.

A.A.P.S.O. joins hand with all the forces of justice and peace in condemning the principles and policy of settlement in the occupied Arab territories, particularly in Jerusalem and Hebron, and demands the immediate dismantlement of these settlements, the evacuation of the fascist settlers, and the urgent respect and implementation of the U.N. and the Security Council resolutions in this respect.

A.A.P.S.O. underlines its all-out consolidation of the Palestinian revolution in its just legitimate struggle in defence of the Palestinian land and people. A.A.P.S.O. hails all the states and political forces which back the Palestine Liberation Organization, the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE USURPATION OF PALESTINE

On May 15th, 1948 international imperialists set up the State of Israel on the wreckage of the Palestinian homeland, to form the base for their aggression, create instability in the area and keep it in a state of tension, so as to secure their interests and their imperialist designs in this part of the World.

This scheme was put into effect in collaboration with the Zionist movement, a proven reactionary and racist movement that is intellectually and ideologically closed-up holding mythical theories and fallacious miscreeds and believing in the superiority of one race over another and one nation over the others.

Zionism managed, with the help of imperialism and in collusion with Arab reactionaries, to set up the state of Israel on the wreckage of the Palestinian homeland and over the bodies of Palestinian martyrs. It prevented the Palestinian people, by the force of arms, from exercising their national legitimate rights. It still denies them the right of existence and of national identity.

Today, after 32 years have elapsed, Israel is trying in various ways, to make the World forget the Palestinian cause; it launched four aggressive wars, none of which realised their objectives. On the contrary the Palestinian cause was brought to light to the World public opinion in an unprecedented way and gained the sympathy and the support of the broadest sectors of World public opinion. The Palestinian cause gained momentum thanks to the sacrifices of the Palestinian people and the Arab World and the support and adherence of the non-aligned countries as well as the socialist and Islamic ones.

In face of this overwhelming success achieved by the Palestinians under the leadership of the P.L.O., Israel is launching fierce attacks on the Palestinian people in their occupied homeland. Its expansionist policy aims at seizing and controlling every inch of the occupied territories by setting up Jewish settlements inside Arab towns, on the ruins of peaceful villages whose inhabitants have been expelled and lands confiscated, by throwing thousands of them into Israeli jails under the most atrocious repressive conditions, by changing the geographical and

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demographic features of the occupied Arab territories, by driving out the youth from the west bank of Jordan and the Gaza sector in order to evacuate the occupied territories from any national leadership, so as to fulfill its expansionist aspirations.

Israel has lately expelled three distinguished leaders from the occupied land. Mr. Fahd El Kawassema, the mayor of Hebron, Mr. Mohamed Melhem, Helhoul's mayor and Sheikh Ragab El Tamimi, the judge of Hebron. It imposed confinement on the other mayors in the west bank and the Gaza strip, it imposed curfew on the occupied land and compelled traders that went on strike to open their shops by the force of arms. It is to be deplored, indeed, that all these acts of aggression are carried out while the so-called Palestinian "autonomy" talks were under-way, under the canopy of the Camp David agreement that AAPSO opposed, warning of its consequences and dangers not only to the Palestinian people but the Arab nation as a whole.

The present Israeli leadership, whose record is full with murder and crimes, who perpetrated the notorious Der-Yassin, Kafr Kassem and Gaza massacres, found in the autonomy talks a very profitable opportunity to impose its views and theories on the occupied land. Israel claims that self-determination should be accorded to "inhabitants" rather than the land and allegedly claim to seek such security that will not be attained unless it effectively controlled the occupied land. In fact, Israel holds that security will not be achieved unless the Palestinians are physically liquidated and their existence denied. It pursues patriotic Palestinians in both in the west bank, the sector of Gaza and in Lebanon, to achieve that end.

Israel follows an aggressive, racist policy vis-a-vis Lebanon, to exhaust the Palestinian Revolution and distract the Arab liberation movement. It relies upon the reactionary secessionist Lebanese forces, bound to imperialism, to implement its policy. This reactionary force was trained, armed, supplied with funds and experts, driven to launch war and sow seeds of dissension among the Lebanese ranks and to strike at the Palestinian entity and the Patriotic Lebanese Movement. This reactionary force committed the most atrocious crimes against Lebanese innocent citizens, against the Palestinian refugee camp, and even against the U.N. peace-keeping forces, kidnapped and killed a number of them, with the help of the Israeli forces, to create a permanent atmosphere of tension. All these acts of aggression did not quench Israel's rapacity, it invaded South-Lebanon, occupied parts of it and evacuated it of its inhabitants; its airforce and artillery, strike

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constantly at villages and Lebanese targets in addition to the Palestinian refugee camps which are regularly shelled, totally disregarding the U.N. and the Security Council resolutions. We salute the heroic cohesion and cooperation between the Lebanese patriotic movement and the Palestinian revolution in counter-acting the Israeli secessionist, reactionary aggression and in standing against the partitioning of Lebanon, so as to consolidate its national integrity and make it free from reactionary sectarianism forged by Israel and its allies.

Israel would not have dared to pursue its policy of arrogance and conceit had not the U.S.A. extended to it its support, its massive quantitatively and qualitatively sophisticated arms - that many countries member-countries in the NATO have not obtained so far. If the U.S.A. had not replenished Israel with enormous funds and gave it unlimited political support, Israel would not have pursued constantly its aggression on the Arab nations. The U.S.A.'s conduct in the Security Council stands witness to that, it used its right to veto more than once to prevent the Security Council from issuing any resolution giving the Palestinians the right to self-determination and to set-up an independent national State. This demonstrates the U.S.A. denial of the U.N. Charter, international laws and human rights and proves the deceitful policy of the U.S. administration, which in fact does not adhere to any ethical norm in dealing with the causes of the peoples; therefore its shameful reference to human rights is nothing but hypocrisy, and abhorrent conspiring.

The Afro-Asian Peoples Solidarity Organisation, while vehemently denouncing the Zionist, imperialist and reactionary aggression against the Palestinian People, calls on all peace, justice and independence-loving peoples and organisations to extend material and political support to the Palestinian People and to their sole legitimate representative, the P.L.O. to enable them to realise their just objectives for which they have waged a long and hard struggle; to secure their national, legitimate right to return to their homeland and set up their independent, national State on their own territory.

We hail the heroic firm stand and the bold upsurge of the Palestinian People in the occupied land against oppression, injustice and repression and all kinds of political provocations expressed by Menahem Bigen and his assassin foreign minister, Ishaac Shamir, who promote and encourage the Gosh-Amoniem and Maer Kahana gangs.

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The Palestinian people, in withstanding this enormous challenge, prove to what extent they are ready to defend their rights and land in the face of Zionist, reactionary aggression, and imperialist conspiracies designed by the U.S.A.

The sacrifices borne by the Palestinian people demonstrate the sound stand that a just and comprehensive peace will not be realised unless the Palestinian people regain their complete national rights without any infringement.

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ON
the Savage Aggression on the Mayors of
Naplous and Ramalla

The Afro-Asian Peoples' Solidarity Organisation condemns, in the most strong possible terms, the terrorist crimes against the mayors of Naplous and Ramalla perpetrated by Israeli gangs and agents in whom the consensus of reports and opinion agree that they enjoyed if not direct help and assistance from the Israeli government, authorities or occupation forces, then at least they acted under their incitement and condonement. It was revealed that explosive material used in these dastardly crimes are the same used by the Israeli army.

It is undoubted therefore that these criminal acts are not merely individual acts by terrorists, they are certainly plotted and enacted with the knowledge and incitement of official Israeli authorities, they are aimed at obstructing the inevitably victorious march of the heroic Arab Palestinian revolution. The whole climate and situation propagated and adopted by the Israeli government and the Zionist leadership of arrogance, bigotry, defiance of World public opinion, and constant violation of the human rights of the Arab Palestinian people, is one of the factors that are bound to lead to the encouragement of such crimes.

Even the meagre much trumpeted about "concessions" by the Israeli government on matters like the Camp-David agreements and the so-called autonomy are now blatantly rescinded by the Israeli government which arrogantly and openly declare that the West bank is theirs for ever, that they will never withdraw from occupied Arab territories, that they will never allow the Arab Palestinian people to exercise their legitimate right of self-determination in view of establishing their own State in their homeland and that Jerusalem is the "eternal" capital of Israel.

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AAPSO re-affirms - side to side with all democratic progressive forces and the peoples of the World - its total support to the struggle of the heroic Palestinian people, render the leadership of P.L.O., the sole legitimate representative of their people, for their self-determination, return to and establishment of his national, independent State on its homeland.

We appeal to the U.N. and the Security Council to take decisive and rapid action to implement the U.N. decisions, to stop immediately the Israeli, terrorist rule and its acts of usurpation on the Arab-occupied territories and to impose respect of human rights for the Palestinian people.

We invite all our national committees, all the fraternal international organisations and the democratic and peace and justice-loving forces to launch a campaign to put an end to the terrorist acts of repression of the Israeli authorities, to terminate the Israeli occupation of the Arab territories and the implementation of the legitimate national rights of the Palestinian people.

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THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AGAINST
IMPERIALIST BASES FOR SECURITY AND
COOPERATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN -
INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY WITH THE
PEOPLE OF MALTA

Malta, 28 - 31 March, 1980

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Resolution on
The Middle East And The Mediterranean Sea

The International Conference Against Imperialist Bases, for Security and Cooperation, in the Mediterranean International Solidarity with the people of Malta, meeting in Valletta from March 28 - 31, 1980,

Considering that the larger part of the tension prevailing East of the Mediterranean is a by-product of the situation obtaining in the Middle East wherein the Palestinian cause constitutes the core and crux of the struggle raging in the area,

Affirming that Israel, which is an imperialist-made military base in the region poses as a grave factor in the persistence of tension, and a permanent menace to peace and security in the entire Mediterranean basin,

Deeming that the perpetuation of Israel's aggressive racist policy against the Palestinian people and other Arab peoples, its strafing of Lebanese camps, villages and towns, its occupation by force of the Arab territories, the establishment of settlements, and its unabated change of the geographic, demographic, cultural and educational features of these territories constitute a flagrant defiance to the International Community, and the U.N. resolutions, and an atrocious violation of the most simple of human rights,

Emphasizing that the all out, political, military and economic aid which Israel receives from the United States of America as well as the continuous and huge supply of sophisticated weaponry are instrumental in encouraging Israel to continue adopting stances which discard completely the rights of the Arab people, particularly those of the Palestinian people,

Stresses that a just solution to the Middle East crisis is a necessary requisite for peace and security in the Mediterranean, which can only be achieved through a just solution to the Palestinian problem, Israeli withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories, particularly from Jerusalem; full recognition of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, under their only legitimate leadership: the Palestine Liberation Organization, including their right to self-determination, and to return and establish an independent sovereign state on the land.

Welcomes the Soviet proposal of withdrawing Soviet and American nuclear-armed submarine and naval forces from the Mediterranean to make this region a free zone, and resolved to press the U.S. and NATO to accept and implement this proposal.

Declares that the Camp David agreements and the Egyptian-Israeli treaty have had extremely perilous effects on international endeavours to solve the Middle East crisis, and have tipped the balance of power in favour of zionism and US led imperialism.

Rejects these agreements on the grounds that they totally ignore the legitimate rights of the Arab palestinian people and the Arab people in general, constitute a grave menace to the Arab Liberation movement and to the people of African and the region as well, and encourage Israel to persist in its intransigence and daily aggressions against the Lebanese territories in order to liquidate the Palestine Revolution and the National Lebanese Movement.

Expresses its complete solidarity with the struggle of the Lebanese people led by the patriotic Lebanese Movement in order to strengthen the unity of Lebanon and its people, and safeguard its Arab affiliation and democratic development, in the face of the partition plot aimed at imposing fascist hegemony on Lebanon, and turning it into new advance post for the U.S. Israeli conspiracy against the Arab peoples.

Voices its support for the just and legitimate struggle waged by the national Lebanese movement and the Palestinian resistance in Southern Lebanon against the Israeli aggression in an effort to eliminate the direct and disguised Israeli occupation of villages on the border strip in South Lebanon.

Calls for the exercise of utmost pressure in order to enforce the U.N. Resolutions on Southern Lebanon, and which provide for the total withdrawal of Israel from Lebanese territories and the restoration of national sovereignty over these territories.

Considers that the persistence of tension in the Middle East and continued Israeli military supremacy, aided and backed up by the USA, constitute a dangerous contribution to the arms race menacing the countries of the region and the entire Mediterranean basin, and adversely reflect on the pressing development causes of these countries.

Expresses its solidarity with the struggle, including armed struggle of the Arab peoples, particularly with the Arab people of Palestine and Lebanon, and stresses the importance of the unity of action and struggle by all the Arab masses and their national progressive forces against the Camp David agreements, their outcome and schemes in order to cope with the dangerous conditions facing

the Arab Liberation movement in its entirety. It affirms in this respect the importance of consolidating and promoting the National Front for steadfastness; the All Arab Peoples' Conference, the Permanent Secretariat of Mediterranean Socialists; and future AAPSO Mediterranean Conferences.

Condemns the dangerous Israeli military threats against Syria and the instigation of reactionary elements there to foment turbulence and sow sedition to break its resolve vis-a-vis the Camp David course.

ON CYPRUS

The Conference :

- Notes with great concern that the continuing occupation of Cyprus territories and the refusal of Turkey government to implement the UN resolutions constitute a threat to peace.

- Expresses its full support and solidarity to the struggle of the people of Cyprus for elimination of occupation and every foreign military presence, for the implementation of the UN resolutions and the consolidation of an independent, non-aligned, unitary, territorially integral Cyprus where all its citizens independent of ethnic origin and religion can live in peace..

It is clear that the feud is not between Greek and Turkish Cypriots, but between imperialism, who is striving to turn Cyprus into a springboard of aggression and the people of Cyprus, who are fighting for independence.

The Conference supports the adoption of practical measures for the immediate implementation of the UN resolutions as well as the investigation of the fate of the 2.000 missing persons.

It is imperative that all foreign troops should immediately withdraw, the refugees be permitted to return to their homes and the people be left alone to decide about their destiny without any foreign intervention.

The Conference supports the struggle of the people of Cyprus for the elimination of all military bases from the island which are a remnant of colonialism and constitute a mutilation of Cyprus independence and a threat to peace in the region.

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 25th ANNIVERSARY OF BANDUNG
AAPSO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOLIDARITY
FOR INDEPENDENCE, SECURITY AND SOCIO - ECONOMIC PROGRESS
Sri Lanka, 23 - 25 May, 1980
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RESOLUTION ON THE MIDDLE EAST

The AAPSO International Conference of Solidarity for Independence, Security and Socio-Economic Progress, held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, from the 23rd to the 25th of May, 1980, in Commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of Bandung, having listened to speeches and deliberations on the Middle East issue, is of the view that:

1. The Middle East issue has been and still is the most influential cause of the international arena, and its essence is the solution of the Palestinian problem.
2. The U.S. imperialism is playing an extremely grave role in master-minding manoeuvres designed to find an unjust solution of the Middle East issue in favour of Israel which has demonstrated flagrant intrasigence and denial of the legitimate rights of the Arab masses, particularly the Palestinian Arab people in defiance of world public opinion and UN resolutions.
3. The Conference considers that the means world imperialism, under the leadership of the US, Zionism and reaction resort to, are designed to:
 - a. increase Arab differences, rift Arab ranks, distract the Arab nation from its main enemy, namely, imperialism, Zionism and reaction, thereby imposing concessions and unfair conditions at the expense of the rights of the Arab nation, and reaching humiliating separate settlements.
 - b. obliterate the national character and legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, alienate the P.L.O. - their sole legitimate representative - and bar its participation as an independent party on equal footing with the other parties involved.
 - c. enable Israel to perpetuate its control of some Arab territories under the Camp David agreements

and the Israeli-Egyptian Peace Treaty, and entitle it to continue its military presence in the occupied Arab territories and to increase settlements under the pretext of its security.

- d. The U.S. is trying - under the pretext of settling the Middle East problem - to impose Israel's terms, strike at the entire Arab liberation movement, make arrangements in the Arab region which ensure U.S. infiltration and full domination of the destiny and the wealth of the Arab nation and transform it into a consumption market, as well as guarantee the exploitation of its strategic situation in safeguarding its vital interests in both Africa and Asia.
4. The Conference stresses AAPSO's firm attitude towards the Middle East problem which can guarantee comprehensive settlement and the establishment of just durable peace in the region on the following basis:
- a) Peace cannot be realized without a just solution of the Palestinian issue - the core and crux of the Middle East conflict - and insurance of all the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people chief among which the right to return to their homeland, to self determination and to establish an independent sovereign state on their own land.
 - b) The necessity of Israel's unconditional withdrawal from every spot of the occupied Arab lands, chief among which Jerusalem.
 - c) The P.L.O. is the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people both inside or outside the occupied Palestinian lands and it is solely entitled to speak for them and participate in every Conference or Meeting that discusses the Middle East as an independent party on equal footing with the other parties involved, as well as rejection of any mandate on, or, intervention in their own affairs.
5. In view of the gravity of the stage the Middle East region is passing through in the light of the U.S. - directed settlement attempts, the Conference:
- a- supports the Arab masses, with their progressive and democratic forces, in rejecting the Camp David

agreements which deviate from the essential principles of solving the Middle East problem, namely, full withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories, the institution of the national legitimate rights of the Palestinian people and the endeavour to continue the struggle by diverse means.

- b. demands consolidating the P.L.O. - being the sole legitimate representative of the Arab Palestinian people -, boosting the role of the Arab masses and their patriotic movement and progressive forces, and guaranteeing their full democratic freedoms to take part in the struggle, as well as mobilizing and organizing them for steadfastness and resistance to the Zionist enemy, imperialism and reaction.
 - c. emphasises the resistance to the U.S. imperialist policy in the region; stresses the importance of the common struggle of the Arab masses against Zionism, imperialism and reaction with all their machinations which desperately aim, among other things, at weakening and internally rifting the Arab nation in order to make way for the solutions that serve their far reaching and extremely dangerous interests and goals.
6. Absolutely condemns and rejects the Camp David agreements, and their outcome and consequences as they constitute a great setback from the goals of the Arab struggle, gravely tilt the balance of the Arab-Zionist conflict in favour of Zionism and pose a real menace to the struggles of the Arab national liberation movement and peoples in the region.
7. Condemns Israel's intransigent policy towards solving the Middle East problem, - a policy which whips up tension in the entire region - and denounces its policies in the occupied Arab territories designed to increase settlements and to impose a fait accompli on the Arab Palestinian people. The Conference also condemns the demolition of the houses of Arab citizens in the West Bank - under the pretext of political affiliation - as neo-fascist acts to be added to Israel's record of crimes which violate the most elementary of human rights.

8. The Conference condemns the growing and widening cooperation between the racist regimes in Israel and South Africa and the fascist regime in Chile as manifest in the exchange of experience in oppressing and torturing militants and in the field of police. This is an evidence of the relation between racism, fascism and Zionism.
9. The Conference supports the U.N. resolution condemning Zionism as a form of racism and calls for putting an end to the racist fascist practices against Arabs in Israel and the occupied Arab territories.
10. The Conference notes with satisfaction the growing resistance demonstrated by the Arab patriotic and progressive forces in face of the reactionary Zionist imperialist offensive against the region. This resistance has been expressed lately in a series of mass moves and official initiatives notably:
 - the successive uprising of the Palestinian masses in the West Bank of Gaza, and the resistance movement mounted by these masses to voice their rejection of the autonomy project and emphasize their adherence to the P.L.O. as the legitimate and sole representative of the Palestinian people.
 - the positive attitude of the steadfastness front which gives momentum to the Arab masses movement in its resistance of reactionary, imperialist, Zionist conspiracies in the region, and the Front's affirmation that U.S. imperialism is an enemy not a mediator, as well as its emphasis on the necessity of deepening the strategic alliance with the Soviet Union and other Socialist countries.
11. The Conference expresses its conviction that the Arab patriotic and progressive forces are capable through their unity and cooperation with the rest of the world's anti-imperialist forces of foiling the reactionary imperialist Zionist offensive currently launched against the region, and wrenching their inalienable national rights, foremost among which are the national rights of the Palestinian people.
12. The Conference reaffirms that the Lebanese situation and the extent it has reached is but part of the

comprehensive scheme in the Middle East, designed to strike at the entire Arab Liberation Movement. Hence the Conference;

- strongly condemns Israel's refusal to implement the resolutions adopted by the UN General Assembly and Security Council which call for the full withdrawal of Israeli troops from Southern Lebanon.
- strongly condemns the continued Israeli aggression against Lebanese villages, residential areas and Palestinian refugees camps, and considers this an act of aggression that should be condemned at all levels.
- equally condemns U.S. collusion with such aggression and considers the non adoption by the U.S. of any measures towards Israel as an encouragement of further Israeli aggressive acts.
- hails the Lebanese and Palestinian peoples' heroic interception of the repeated Israeli aggressions, as well as the struggle of the patriotic Lebanese movement for the unity, Arabism and democratization of Lebanon.
- condemns Israel's repeated intervention in Lebanese affairs, its continued consolidation of the secessionist forces, particularly across the agent pocket in the South commandeered by Sead Haddad, its obstruction of the role of the U.N. Forces in maintaining peace, its support for the crimes committed by the secessionist forces in Lebanon, and its fuelling of a new civil war to divert the attention of progressive Lebanese, Palestinian and Syrian forces from their principal enemy.
- strongly condemns the schemes of the secessionist fascist Lebanese forces which aim at disrupting the unity of Lebanon, its national independence and affiliation to the Arab nation, and establishing a fascist sectarian state there. The Conference supports the national conciliation plan submitted by the Lebanese patriotic movement to solve the Lebanese problem on democratic basis. The Conference calls international and national organizations participating in it, to extend what appropriate contribution they deem fit for the success of the International Day of

- Solidarity with the struggle of the Lebanese people and their Progressive and Democratic Forces: the 15th of June of every year.
13. The Conference hails Syria's steadfastness against the imperialist, Zionist, reactionary schemes as well as the Camp David conspiracy, and pays tribute to its vanguard role together with the other Arab progressive forces in repulsing these conspiracies. The Conference strongly condemns the internal subversive attempts resulting from these conspiracies to weaken Syria's steadfastness.
 14. The Conference hails the progressive regime in the Libyan Jamahiriya, and its repulsion of the imperialist, Zionist, reactionary provocations and challenges, and deplores the military build up on its Eastern borders.
 15. The Conference hails the progressive regime in Algeria and upholds its stance in facing up to the imperialist, Zionist, and reactionary provocations and challenges, and deplores the military build up on its Western borders.
 16. The Conference hails the progressive regime in the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen and its progressive achievements, and confirms its firm support for it against any attempts at foreign intervention in its internal affairs.
 17. The Conference confirms its support for the struggle of the people of the Western Sahara, led by the Polisario, in their struggle to attain the right of self determination.
 18. The Conference hails the victory of the Iranian revolution and its overthrow of the Shah's regime which served imperialism, and emphasizes its full condemnation of the U.S. imperialist threats and invasion attempts against the Iranian revolution and Iranian sovereignty. The Conference also condemns all attempts at isolating, besieging and bringing pressure to bear on the Iranian masses in a bid to bend their knees. The Conference affirms the position of support for the Iranian revolutionary masses in their heroic resistance of such threats and attempts.
 19. The Conference calls on the Arab masses, the Arab countries and the Arab Liberation movement to strengthen their struggle and adopt practical and

effective measures commensurate with the gravity of the current stage, and to mobilize the Arab nation's potentials to confront any defeatist solutions and any separate agreements. In this respect, the Conference hails the Arab Summit Conference in Baghdad.

20. The Conference calls on the Arab patriotic forces and the Arab Liberation Movement to cement their relations with the forces of Liberation, progress, world democracy and the Socialist bloc countries, particularly the Soviet Union - that Front that has always stood and still stands in a principled, noble manner by the struggle of the Arab peoples and their liberation movements.

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 25th ANNIVERSARY OF BANDUNG
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RESOLUTION ON PALESTINE

The AAPSO International Conference of Solidarity for Independence, Security and Socio-Economic Progress, held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, from the 23rd to the 25th of May, 1980, in Commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of Bandung;

Having reviewed and studied latest developments in the Palestinian cause, the circumstances of struggle through which the people of Palestine are passing, and the conspiracies and frantic attempts by imperialism and its base Israel and its reactionary allies to liquidate the Palestinian cause, endorses the following:

1. The Palestinian cause is the core and crux of the Middle East Conflict because colonialism and Zionism created Israel in the heart of the Arab nation, expelled Palestinians from their homeland, denied their presence, prevented them, by force of arms, from exercising their national legitimate rights on their land.
2. The inalienable right of the Palestinian people to return to their homeland, to self-determination, and to the establishment of an independent national state of their own on the land of Palestine as well as Israel's withdrawal from all the occupied Arab territories, including Jerusalem, and dealing with the Palestinian issue as the cause of national liberation and not as a question of refugees.
3. The P.L.O. is the sole legitimate representative of the people of Palestine and is exclusively entitled to represent them and speak on their behalf at all local and international forums. All forms of consolidation should be extended to the P.L.O., and all fronts should be open to it for freedom of action, as well as guaranteeing non-intervention in its internal affairs and imposing no mandate on it.
4. Condemnation of the establishment of Israeli settlements in the occupied Arab lands as illegal and illegitimate. The establishment of such settlements must be halted immediately and those already built must be dismantled.

5. Condemnation of the repeated Zionist aggressions against the Palestinian Revolution forces and the patriotic Lebanese Movement in Lebanon, which lately witnessed an extremely serious escalation. The Conference affirms its support to the Palestinian Revolution and to the Lebanese Patriotic Movement in their interception of these aggressions, and calls on all the peace-loving, progressive and socialist forces in the world to expose these aggressions.
6. Calling on all peace-loving, progressive and socialist forces to step up solidarity in all its forms with the Palestinian people and their struggle against the Zionist policies of occupation, settlement-building, deportation of militants, and torture of detainees.
7. Condemnation and refutation of the expulsion of Palestinian citizens from their homes and towns. Such an aggressive policy, in contravention to all international laws and norms, must be stopped. All the deported and expelled, particularly the mayors of Hebron and Halhoul as well as the Judge of Hebron, must return.
8. Condemnation of the racist, terrorist barbaric policy perpetrated by Israel against the Palestinian detainees and prisoners of war, halting acts of detention, seizure, arrest and abduction committed by Israel against Palestinians, and releasing thousands of them who are suffering from the worst forms of injustice, oppression and torture in the prisons of the Zionist enemy.
9. Condemnation of the confiscation of Arab territories, demolition of houses and alteration of the geographic and demographic character of the occupied Arab territories and calling on the U.N. to intervene promptly to put an end to this criminal policy inspired by racist Nazi practices.
10. Condemnation of the U.S. illegitimate policy and attitude towards the Palestinian cause as a contravention of the U.N. principles and Charter because the U.S. always casts its veto at the Security Council discussion of the Palestinian cause and the national legitimate rights of the Palestinian people. The Conference emphasizes that this unethical policy which constitutes a hostile attitude towards all peoples who champion justice, freedom and independence, should be condemned and exposed.
11. Condemnation and total rejection of the Camp David Agreements and their outcome whose first signs have been demonstrated in the official announcement of Israel that Jerusalem is its "eternal" capital, and in its annexation

of the West Bank. These agreements which constitute a major deviation from the objectives of the Arab struggle have led to the tipping of the balance in the Arab-Zionist struggle in favour of Zionism, and pose a potential danger to the struggles of the Arab National Liberation Movement and the people of the region. The Conference supports the Arab masses rejection of these agreements and their endeavours to foil them.

12. Support of the Palestinian peoples' rejection and resistance of the autonomy project which forms part of the Camp David agreements. The autonomy project aims at liquidating the Palestinian peoples cause, cancelling their national identity and obliterating their struggle.

13. The Conference hails the struggle of the Palestinian people and their continued resistance in the occupied Arab territories against the forces of the Zionist occupation, particularly the recent rise against the provocations of Zionist fanatics whom Menachem Begin's gang encourages and plans for.

14. The Conference reaffirms all AAPSO resolutions and recommendations on the Palestinian cause.

ON ISRAEL'S DECLARATION OF THE ANNEXA-
TION OF JERUSALEM

Israel has taken a new aggressive step after the Israeli Knesset unilaterally approved of annexing Arab Jerusalem, thus disregarding all international norms and laws and which prohibit the annexation of occupied land belonging to others under state of war, or by aggression.

This new step in the long series of Israel's aggressions is yet another explicit demonstration of the fascist expansionist nature of the Israeli authorities. In addition to the set up of an Israeli settlements on lands usurped from the Arab expelled inhabitants, the imprisonment of scores of Palestinians in Israel, and the perpetuation of day to day practices of moral and physical torture against Palestinians who are kept under the most humiliating and degrading conditions, to the extent that thousands of imprisoned and detained Palestinians went on hunger strike for over three weeks in protest against Israel's brutality. Two Palestinian prisoners met their death through forced feeding.

Inhabitants of occupied Palestinian territories are daily terrorised through shooting, clamping martial laws in towns and villages, pulling down their homes, deporting their national leaders, and blowing up the cars of some West Bank mayors in an attempt to liquidate them physically.

Contemporary history, since Nazism, never witnessed a State that disregarded human rights, breached international laws and the Charter and conventions of UN and the international community as Israel did, led as it is, by a group of assassins and fascist terrorists mentally possessed by aggressive obsolete beliefs based on fanaticism, intellectual bigotry and racist discrimination.

It is distressing that there are still a number of States which support Israeli aggression without reservation although they are fully aware of the crimes of Israel, particularly the U.S.A. which protect Israel and encourage its aggression, provide it with all sorts of sophisticated and developed arms and secure for it political protection in international forums. Candidates for US presidency simply compete in the process of abetting Israel and providing it with aid to continue with its aggression, arrogance and indifference to UN resolutions. Instrumental in this

process are propaganda campaigns aiming at deforming realities about the Palestine problems so as to alienate the broad masses of people in the U.S.A. itself, depriving them of the ability to realize self-evident facts and to acknowledge the inalienable rights of the Palestinian People.

The AAPSO joins its voice to all honest voices, condemning the Knesset resolution. The AAPSO considers this resolution null and void, and an impediment in the road to just and permanent peace.

The AAPSO calls upon independence and freedom-loving States to decide diplomatic and economic sanctions against Israel, and act for its expulsion from the UN so long as it disregards the resolutions of this organization and does not respect the will of international community.

The AAPSO commends the UN General Assembly resolution in its recent session on the Palestine issue and commends all Countries that supported this just resolution particularly the Afro-Asian, socialist, and Islamic Countries which severed their diplomatic relations with Israel after its brutal aggression on Arab Countries in 1967. It finds it strange to say the least that certain States did not support this resolution although they realize the crimes of Israel and its defiance to the international community.

We believe, now more than at any time before, that just and permanent peace can only be realised in the Middle East with Israel's total withdrawal from all occupied territories particularly Jerusalem, the realization of the national inalienable rights of the Palestine People particularly their right to return to their homeland, and the set up of their independent State on their national homeland.

We call upon honest, independence and freedom-loving forces to provide all sorts of material and moral support to the Palestine Liberation Organization, the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian People in this crucial juncture in which the Palestinian People face continued aggression so that they would gain their national independence and withstand the present colonial-Zionist- virulent attack.

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ON THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UPSURGE
OF THE GLORIOUS PALESTINE REVOLUTION.

The Afro-Asian Solidarity Organisation, while observing the 15th anniversary of the upsurge of the glorious Palestine revolution, extends its hearty congratulations to the people of Palestine and the P.L.O., and to declare its support and firm solidarity with the revolutionary liberation struggle of this heroic people.

The upsurge of the armed Palestinian revolutionary vanguard on first January 1965, despite the conditions of oppression, diaspora and neglect in which the Palestine people lived, has marked a new and significant phase in the contemporary history of the Palestine people. The uprising turned into an overwhelming people's revolution in which the Palestinians, wherever they were, participated, under the leadership of the P.L.O. Through its persistent struggle and in adverse international circumstances, this valiant revolution has managed to overcome all Zionist and imperialist attempts to ignore the Palestine cause and even to deny the existence of the Palestine people and their national entity.

The whole world was unanimous that the crux of the Middle East conflict lies in the fact that the Palestine people, through aggression and occupation is stopped from exercising their legitimate national rights without foreign intervention on their homeland. The Palestine cause has become one of the principal aspects of politics in the Middle East, which cannot be surmounted through autonomy rule or the Camp David projects which have been rejected by the Palestinian and Arab people.

The Palestine revolution, which is regarded as the longest revolution in the Arab World and one of the longest in the whole world, has gained the recognition of the great majority of the States of the world and the wide support of world opinion who recognise the justice and legitimacy of the Palestine cause, condemn all the crimes committed by Israel against the people in the occupied Arab lands, and also condemn the stances of Israel and the USA against the Charters and conventions of the UN and Human Rights. This success has been crowned with the UN General Assembly's establishment of ad hoc committee on the Palestine People's practice of their inalienable rights.

The AAPSO believes that such success could not have been achieved but for the great sacrifices made and the thousands of martyres who gave their lives in defending the

Palestine right inside and outside the occupied territories, the unity of the Palestine people in support of the PLO, and the effective support of the Socialist, non-aligned and Islamic countries. However, Israel is, tenaciously and arrogantly, in violation of the UN resolutions and recommendations, driving away the inhabitants, demolishing their houses, and annexing the Arab city of Al-Kuds (Jerusalem) to Israel despite the universal opposition to this illegal act. It continuously passes racist laws to tighten its grip on the West Bank and the Gaza strip. The mayors of Halhoul and El Khalil as well as the legislative judge were expatriated. It attempted to kill the mayors of Ramallah and Naplus. It prohibited the people's right to hold meetings to enjoy their political democratic rights and express their views in the occupied territories, threatening that jail and murder would be the sentence for every one who relates to or sympathises with the PLO and its organs.

It imposed curfew regulations and even corrective punishment. In many of the occupied Palestine cities and villages, quite often shot unarmed citizens including school children killing many of them. It kidnaps and imprisons tens of thousands of citizens without a just trial, throwing them in abhorrent prisons unknown to the civilised world such as that of "Nafha" where citizens face all sorts of torture, oppression, psychological and physical liquidation. It continually pursues demographic and legal changes in the occupied Arab lands, imposing high taxes and fines on Palestinian citizens in order to force them to emigrate and consequently execute its scheme to annex the land. This is why it openly talks about a so-called self-rule to be applied on the inhabitants and not on the land which it attempts to annex to itself.

Israel would not have been able to do all these practices but for the blessing and support of the USA which provides Israel with massive economic support and the most up-to-date arms, as well as giving it special political protection by way of frequent use of the US veto in the Security Council in support of Israel.

The Camp David agreements, condemned by the AAPSO which warned against their consequences, and which were rejected by the Palestine and the Arab peoples, are being used by Israel as a protective umbrella to increase its crimes and aggressions on the Palestine people, to tear apart the Arab nation, and to intensify the US influence in the Arab region within a fragile structure of a shaky peace that would lead to more tension and outbreaks in the area.

Israel aims to create an air of permanent tension in Lebanon, to spread chaos and destruction in all its parts, attempting to divide it in collaboration with separatist forces in Lebanon. It has gone too far in implementing this scheme by continuously bombing the land by air and artillery, and through regular raids on the towns and villages of Lebanon and the camps of Palestinians there. It demolished scores of villages, deported hundreds of thousands of citizens driving them out from their lands and homes. Even the UN forces were not safe from its frequent aggressions. The stooge major Saad Hadad is but

a forged tool serving to protect Israel's expansionist and destructive aims in Lebanon. It is Israel that provides him with arms, funds and training. We are certain that all this Israeli scheme will fail due to the great alliance and heroic confrontation of the Palestine revolution and the national Lebanese movement.

Israel is endeavouring to push the Middle East and the surrounding areas into the arena of nuclear armament. It does so in collaboration with the racist government of South Africa, making full use of the technical and material aid and assistance rendered to it by the Imperialist States particularly the USA.

The AAPSO has always warned against this dangerous activity, and has repeatedly spoken out against Israel and South Africa's getting hold of the nuclear weapons. It is a threat to the Arab world and the African States, even the whole world, that the racist-fascist states, led by a gang of fanatic terrorists such as Menahem Begin and the rulers of Pretoria, possess this devastating weapon. They might precipitate a criminal holocaust with which to achieve their expansionist and aggressive ambitions and use nuclear blackmail to exploit the peoples.

The AAPSO firmly demands that serious action be taken within the framework of the UN so that this area would remain clear of nuclear arms and of mass destruction weapons, and that strict control be exercised on this development for the sake of humanity.

On this occasion the AAPSO hails the non-aligned countries, the socialist community particularly the USSR and the Islamic countries for their support to the Palestine people and their just struggle. The AAPSO commends their wonderful role in backing the struggle of the Palestinian people and in standing against the expansionist Israeli aggression. This stance is born of their principles and their faith in the right, regardless of any self-interest, and out of their knowledge of Israel's criminal record and its shameful collaboration with the racist regime in South Africa which culminated recently in Israel's receiving about \$ 200 million US during Israel's Foreign Minister to South Africa, in order to help Israel overcome its severe financial crisis.

Based on the same concept, we call on the European States, which are economically and geographically linked to the Middle East, to take an initial, clear and bold stance, reject Israel's exploitation of the Palestinian cause and to give their support to the Palestinian people's right to self-determination and to establish an independent, national State under the leadership of the PLO and to free their initiatives from procrastination and haggling under the pretext of satisfying all the parties and to refuse wrangling about terms between choleric aggressor and he who suffers the aggression and who is entitled to rights.

We believe that a just and comprehensive peace could not be achieved in the Middle East unless the Israeli aggressive

forces withdraw from all the occupied territories, foremost among which Jerusalem, which belongs to the Arabs, and respect the Palestinians' right to self-determination without foreign intervention, their right to national independence and sovereignty, to set up an independent national state on their territories under the leadership of P.L.O., their sole legitimate representative, and their right to return to their homeland and properties from which they were expelled.

We denounce all the measures and practices of Israel that aim to obliterate the natural and geographical landmarks, as well as the legal position of the occupied Palestinian and Arab territories and to consider the annexation of Jerusalem and the establishment of settlements illegal and revocable.

We call on all peace and justice loving nations and peoples, foremost among which, AAPSO, to express on this occasion its full solidarity, whether financial or moral, to the struggle of the Palestinian people via the P.L.O. and to express their denunciation and condemnation, by all possible means, for the Israeli acts of aggression.

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